

Announcements

Shelter: Our Shelter service continues each week at noon via livestream. This brief midweek service runs about 40 minutes, and reflections are taken from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Join us in-person or via livestream any week.

Learning to Love - Race, Reconciliation, Forgiveness, and Discipleship: Valley Springs attendees are invited to join this ongoing virtual conversation hosted by Pastor Lance Lewis of Soaring Oaks Presbyterian Church. This class meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm, via Zoom. For connection information, email info@valleysprings.org.

Learning to Love when there are Political Differences: Have you wanted to learn how to love people with whom you disagree politically? Have you wanted to be equipped to have fruitful, Christ-honoring conversations with people with whom you disagree politically? A new class entitled "Learning to Love when there are Political Differences" will begin Sunday, August 23rd. It will meet virtually for 10 weeks. Register at valleysprings.org.

Valley Springs Christian Preschool: Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2020-21 school year is now open. See www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org or contact Danya Schulte: danya@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7940 x106.

Text-to-Give: A new option to make giving easier. Simply text "give" to (669) 333-5880. You'll be asked to fill out a quick form to get set up for the first time. After that, giving is as easy as sending a text. Try it today!

For more information, visit www.valleysprings.org

Order of Service

11th week after Pentecost

August 16th, 2020

Gathered by God for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship
Revelation 4:6b-11

Song of Praise
Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Adoration

Renewed by God Through Grace

Confession of Sin
Psalm 51:10-13

Declaration of Grace
Psalm 62:5-8

Song of Renewal and Gratitude
Come Praise and Glorify

Set Apart by God for Service in Every Area of Life

Children's Message

Offering

Sermon

The Lord's Supper (8am service only)

Profession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

Sent by God to Serve Our World Together

Song of Response
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Blessing

General Offering: August 3 - August 9	\$ 29,822
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 31,600
Last Week's Deficit	(\$ 1,778)
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$ 234,729)

This information can also be found at valleysprings.org

Readings

Scripture

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

- 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (English Standard Version)

Reflection

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

- Romans 12:1 (English Standard Version)

Sermon Outline

Deep Grace, Exultant Praise
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Benedictions, Doxologies, Prayers
Stephen Baldwin

The Father's purpose for his adopted sons and daughters is that we would so grasp the depths of his love and grace that we would be a living Doxology.

Or more simply: *The Father's purpose is to turn us into a living Doxology.*

For us to be a living Doxology, the Father shows us three things:

He shows us the reality of our condition (1 Timothy 1:12-13a)

He shows us the magnitude of his mercy, grace, and love (1 Timothy 1:13b-16)

He shows us a life of praise (1 Timothy 1:17)

Reflection Questions

- As a believer, what has your experience been of your awareness of your sin and brokenness?
- Have you struggled to believe that what Jesus did was enough for you?
- Is it difficult for you to believe that what he accomplished for you applies to the entire sum of your sin, your whole life total?
- How do you respond to this?
- What do you think about Paul's level of honesty?
- Is this level of honesty hard or easy for you?
- How could this passage and Paul's testimony help you with that?
- In the light of Romans 12:1 what would it look like for your life being a living Doxology?