

May 28, 2023

HE IS RISEN

celebrate the savior

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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General Offering: May 15 - May 21	\$ 11,797
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Deficit.....	(\$ 14,703)
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$175,044)

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **27.7%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **29.6%** of our budget by this time in the year.

\$26,101 would bring us up to average.

GIVE NOW



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READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

²² I will also praise you with the harp
for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing praises to you with the lyre,
O Holy One of Israel.

²³ My lips will shout for joy,
when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.

- Psalm 71:22-23 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

*(Words: Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth, addt'l. lyrics by Christy & Nathan Nockels /
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been.
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again.
Gladly forever adore Him!

SONGS

THE LORD ALMIGHTY REIGNS

(Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa, 2022)

There's an endless song waiting to be sung,
With the voice of every tribe, the sound of every tongue.

When the bride of Christ on that day of days,
Brings with joy unto the Lamb a multitude of praise.

Like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder
Hear His people sing:

*"Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord, our God, the Almighty reigns!"*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won;
Tell with great rejoicing, all the wonders God has done.

And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder
All the church will sing:

Certain of that day Christ we will proclaim,
Oh, that more would share the prize salvation in His name.

Then greater will the anthem ring,
The mighty chorus rising to the King:

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you! ²Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

- Psalm 102:1-2 (English Standard Version)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

⁵For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

- Psalm 100:5 (English Standard Version)

SONGS

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

(Words and Music by David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan, 2012)

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

*It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.*

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are You, Lord!"

MY DWELLING PLACE (PSALM 91)

(Words and Music by Kristyn Getty, Kristyn Getty, Kelly Minter, Chris Eaton, and Stuart Townend, 2015)

My dwelling place is God Most High; my refuge and my fortress.
When plague and pestilence draw nigh, I'm hidden in His presence.
When terrors fall and arrows fly, His shield will be my safety;
When stones across my pathway lie, on angels' wings I'm carried.

My dwelling place is God Most High; a present help in danger.
I rest secure in love's pure light, beneath my Master's favor.
He freed me from the fowler's snare, where sin and shame had bound me;
Deceived I made my refuge there, till fearless He came for me.

*Wonderful, powerful, my hope and my defender.
Mighty God, Emmanuel; my dwelling place forever.*

My dwelling place is God Most High; I'll never seek another.
For I am His and He is mine; my heart He'll keep forever.
I know the Name on whom I call; He promises to answer.
With life he satisfies my soul, and crowns me with his pleasure.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹ Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? ² All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

³ "He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig's blood; he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations; ⁴ I also will choose harsh treatment for them and bring their fears upon them, because when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not listen; but they did what was evil in my eyes and chose that in which I did not delight."

⁵ Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at his word: "Your brothers who hate you and cast you out for my name's sake have said, 'Let the Lord be glorified, that we may see your joy'; but it is they who shall be put to shame.

⁶ "The sound of an uproar from the city! A sound from the temple! The sound of the Lord, rendering recompense to his enemies!

⁷ "Before she was in labor she gave birth; before her pain came upon her she delivered a son. ⁸ Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor she brought forth her children. ⁹ Shall I bring to the point of birth and not cause to bring forth?" says the Lord; "shall I, who cause to bring forth, shut the womb?" says your God.

¹⁰ "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance."

¹² For thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. ¹³ As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

¹⁵ "For behold, the Lord will come in fire, and his chariots like the whirlwind, to render his anger in fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. ¹⁶ For by fire will the Lord enter into judgment, and by his sword, with all flesh; and those slain by the Lord shall be many.

¹⁷ "Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go into the gardens, following one in the midst, eating pig's flesh and the abomination and mice, shall come to an end together, declares the Lord.

¹⁸ "For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. ²¹ And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

²² "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.

²⁴ "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

SERMON OUTLINE

Making All Things New

Isaiah 66

The book of Isaiah closes by continuing with a picture of the new world God is creating for His people. Chapter 66 shows us the way in which the Lord brings about this new world. Isaiah closes by showing us that God's plan is to...

Kill off the hypocrisy of his people... (Isaiah 66:1-6)

Create a new people... (Isaiah 66:7-14; Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Create a new world... (Isaiah 66:15-23; Revelation 21:1-5a)

REFLECTION

QUOTES

All death can do to Christians is make their lives infinitely better.

- Timothy Keller, *Making Sense of God* (p. 166)

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- Jeremiah 31:31-34 (*English Standard Version*)

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

- Revelation 21:1-5a (*English Standard Version*)

QUESTIONS (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- What does it mean to "create" something?
- What is something that you have "created" that you are proud of?
- What is the opposite of "create"?
- What comes to mind when you think of the word "hypocrisy"? What are some examples of this in the world? What are some examples of this in your own life?
- Why are we dependent on God to "create a new people" and to "create a new world"? What does this mean for us in the world today as we seek to follow Him?

READINGS

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Although not written by the apostles, the Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* ("catholic" means "world-wide" in scope rather than regional or sectarian)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Valley Springs will be closed Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting following service on Sunday, June 4th to vote on the release of Brad Anderson from call and the recommendation of Tom Beiler and Tom Petrul to the office of Deacon. Voting must take place in person. Anyone may attend the Congregational Meeting, but only Communicant Members over the age of 18 are eligible to vote. Questions about voting eligibility or member status: Teresa Campbell (teresa@valleysprings.org).

YOUTH SUMMER HIKE: The Youth Ministry is going hiking! All middle and high school students are invited to join us on a hike at Lake Clementine on Wednesday, June 7th. Students can be dropped off at church at 9am and will return to church by 1pm. Be sure to bring your lunch, money for milkshakes, and wear your swimsuits! You can register online at www.valleysprings.org/youthsummerevents.

WOMEN'S SUMMER NIGHTS: It's ladies' night! Come join the women of Valley Springs for fellowship, fun, and good appetizers/drinks. It's open house on Wednesday, June 7th from 5pm-7pm at the home of Jessie Fowler (5754 Mareta Lane, Loomis). If you have any questions, contact Dana Allred: dana@valleysprings.org.

SUMMERFEST 2023: Our annual vacation Bible school is coming soon! Three nights, June 20th-22nd, 6pm-8:15pm, featuring dinner for everyone, worship, Bible lessons, crafts, and games. Register online at www.valleysprings.org/summerfest!

SUMMERFEST SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST: Want to win a free registration to Summerfest? We're hosting a social media giveaway for one free Summerfest signup. To enter the contest, you must be following Valley Springs on Instagram and share the post to your story. Winners will be drawn and announced on Thursday, June 1st.

JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE: Our food pantry needs to be restocked! We need canned corn, canned peas, canned peaches, canned chicken, jelly, individually packaged snacks, soup, and pasta sauce. Drop off donations at the front desk.

For more information, visit www.valleysprings.org

OUR MISSION

Valley Springs Presbyterian Church is an intergenerational community of grace, learning to love God, and serve our world, together.

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