

JULY 17, 2022

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*from
the* OLD
TESTAMENT

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GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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General Offering: July 4 - July 10.....	\$ 13,101
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Deficit	(\$ 13,399)
Budget Deficit (YTD)	(\$ 209,553)

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **38.6%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **41.9%** of our budget by this time in the year.

\$45,244 would bring us up to average.

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

¹³You have a mighty arm;

strong is your hand, high your right hand.

¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

¹⁵Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

¹⁶who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

- Psalm 89:13-16 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

A MIGHTY FORTRESS (*Words and Music by Frederick Henry Hedge and Martin Luther*)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

BE THOU MY VISION (*Ancient Irish Poem, ca. 8th Century / Traditional Irish Melody*)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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SONGS

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

³The Lord is slow to anger and great in power,
and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty.
His way is in whirlwind and storm,
and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

- Nahum 1:3 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

- Romans 8:31-34 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

JESUS STRONG AND KIND

(Words and Music by Colin Buchanan, Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson, 2019)

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.

No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.

No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful.

He will keep us day and night.

We can always run to Jesus.

Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.

No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him.

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.

And he showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

GOD IS FOR US

(Words and Music by James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Tranter, 2018)

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night.

We will walk the Valley with You by our side.

You will go before us, You will lead the way.

We have found a refuge, only You can save.

Sing with joy now; our God is for us.

The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.

Raise your voice now, no love is greater.

Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Even when I stumble, even when I fall,

Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.

You will not abandon, You will not forsake.

You will cheer me onward with never ending grace.

Neither height nor depth can separate us.

Hell and death will not defeat us.

He who gave His Son to free us holds me in His love.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

⁹ Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." ¹⁰ Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!" And God granted what he asked.

- 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (*English Standard Version*)

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

- What period or people of history do you enjoy reading about? Of those now in power, whose family history, royal lineage, or cultural roots would you like to explore further? Why?
- Who in your group can trace their roots back the furthest?
- In 1 Chronicles 4:9-10, you will find the first direct quotation, the first prayer, and the first specific description of God's activity in Chronicles. What do you learn about God's intentions for human life from the strange occurrence of these "firsts"?
- How is Jabez's life different due to his prayer? How might Jabez's prayer be related to his mother's pain? What lessons about prayer does Jabez's life exemplify?
- How has God awakened you to deeper need through your fears, your past, and your future hope?

SERMON OUTLINE

The Prayer of Jabez

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Because God offers comfort to those who suffer, those who suffer can pray in faith to the God of all comfort.

How does God extend his comfort?

As we awaken to our fear... (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)

As we awaken to our past... (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)

As we awaken to our hope... (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

- Hebrews 5:7-10 (*English Standard Version*)

⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (*English Standard Version*)

READINGS

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the Biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

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

SONGS

INTO THE HOLY PLACE (Words and Music by Thena Beam, 2022)

How can I pour my heart out now before You?
How can I praise the One who made it all,
When You have angels ever to adore You,
And all creation lives to sing Your song?

*Yet I will pray to You, gracious Father,
I will sing to You, precious Son.
And through Christ's "It is done"
I know that I can come into the holy place.*

I bring it all, my cares and my confessions,
My heavy heart, too hardened to receive,
For I am weak, and so often faithless
And I need Your power to believe.

Help us to pray, daily as you taught us.
That Thy will, and not ours be done;
And give us grace to follow where you lead us.
Til' that day when you call us home.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER PARK DATES: Join other Valley Springs moms for fellowship and playtime for our kids. 9am-10:30am on July 19th (Hillsborough Park), July 26th (Maidu Regional Park), and August 2nd (Madera Park). Contact: Kara Miedema (karamiedema@gmail.com).

FAMILY MEXICO LUNCH: Help us welcome home our Family Mexico team with a potluck lunch. After church on Sunday, July 24th at 11:30am. Sign up at www.valleysprings.org to bring your favorite side dish!

END OF SUMMER BASH: Close out the summer with your friends from Valley Springs! Cotton candy, snow cones, live music, and activities for the whole family. Saturday, August 6th, at 6pm. Sign up at www.valleysprings.org to bring your favorite side dish!

VALLEY SPRINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2022-23 school year is open. See www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org or contact Danya Schulte: danya@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7670.

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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