


ALIVE
in
CHRIST

A photograph of a wooden cross with a white cloth draped over it. The cross is made of weathered wood and is set against a background of green trees and a blue sky. The text "ALIVE in CHRIST" is written on the cross in white. "ALIVE" and "CHRIST" are in a bold, serif font, while "in" is in a cursive script. The white cloth is draped over the horizontal beam of the cross, creating soft folds and shadows. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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Testimony of God's Grace: Mark Bryan

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General Offering: June 7 - June 13\$ 12,600

Weekly Budget Need\$ 26,808

Last Week's Deficit(\$ 14,208)

Budget Deficit (YTD)(\$ 187,870)

This information can also be found at valleysprings.org

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

- Psalm 34:1-3 (English Standard Version)

SONGS

GREAT THINGS (Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Jonas Myrin, 2018)

Come, let us worship our King. Come, let us bow at His feet.
He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done. See how His love overcomes.
He has done great things. He has done great things.

*O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free every captive and break every chain.
O God, You have done great things.
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, You have done great things.*

You've been faithful through every storm. You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things. And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen. You will do great things.
God, You do great things.

Hallelujah, God above it all! Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things!

BATTLE BELONGS (Words and Music by Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham)

When all I see is the battle, You see my vict'ry.
When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You.

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SONGS

*So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high,
O God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to You.*

And if You are for me who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb.

An Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

- ¹ Hear my prayer, O Lord;
give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- ² Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
- ³ For the enemy has pursued my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- ⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is appalled.
- ⁵ I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.
- ⁶ I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. *Selah*

- Psalm 143:1-6 (English Standard Version)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

- ¹ Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
- ² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.

- Psalm 125:1-2 (English Standard Version)

SONGS

GOD OF WONDERS (Words and Music by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong, 2000)

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me, Father hold me, hold me.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy.*

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD (PLAINFIELD) (Words and Music by Robert Lowry)

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Colossians 3:12-17 (*English Standard Version*)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Consider taking several minutes to read back through the whole letter to the Colossians. Coming to the end of chapter 3, note in your review the supreme and exalted place that Paul gives to Christ.

- Note and discuss some of the key phrases Paul uses to describe him and what he did on the cross.
- How does the image of "putting off" and "putting on" strike you?
- All of the rich worship-producing theological focus upon Christ and what he accomplished for and in us is intended to produce a new way of living every day. Why is the idea of putting on Christ, like putting on clothing, or garments meant to be helpful?
- Which parts of the "new wardrobe" of grace are most elusive for you? Which ones have you seen have the greatest impact in the body of Christ? How about for you personally?

SERMON OUTLINE

Putting on Christ

Colossians 3:12-17

What does it mean to *Dress for Success*?
[a take off from the book by John T. Molloy]

As those who have new life in Christ, put on the new wardrobe...

Out of this new life, this fullness in Christ...

Put on the new wardrobe of grace... (Colossians 3:12-13)

- the inner attitudes that adorn our hearts
 - the outward actions that adorn our relationships
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Put on the golden chain of the new wardrobe of grace... (Colossians 3:14-15)

- love
 - the peace of Christ
 - thankfulness
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Put on the new wardrobe of grace everywhere, all the time...

(Colossians 3:16-17)

- the word of Christ among you all
 - your garments of praise
 - in everything you do
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— REFLECTION QUOTES —

⁴⁹ “And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”
- Luke 24:49 (*English Standard Version*)

Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete.
- Colossians 3:9-10 (*The Message*)

¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
- Romans 13:14 (*English Standard Version*)

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- Galatians 3:27 (*English Standard Version*)

And, above everything else, be truly loving, for love is the golden chain of all the virtues.
- Colossians 3:14, J. B. Phillips translation

²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
- Ephesians 4:22-24 (*English Standard Version*)

The trouble is that they're so quarrelsome. As soon as anyone arrives he settles in some street. Before he's been there twenty-four hours he quarrels with his neighbor. Before the week is over he's quarreled so badly that he decides to move. Very like he finds the next street empty because all the people there have quarreled with *their* neighbors—and moved ... They've been moving on and on. Getting further apart.
- C. S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce* (p. 18-19)

READINGS

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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)

SONGS

FOREVER (Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, 2001)

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER KIDS MINISTRY: Expanded Sunday morning activities for kids through Grade 5 open today. Each Sunday at 10am, kids from 0 - 4 years can join our Summer Wonderland program in the Nursery/Toddler area. Kids from 5 years - Grade 5 can join our Summer Kids Place program. In addition, kids of any age are welcome to remain with their families in the main worship service, and our Family Worship 15 will continue through the summer at 9am. Contact: Anne Weiland (anne@valleysprings.org).

2021 SUMMER FAMILY FEST: This year our Summer Family Fest is for everyone! Parents and kids through Grade 5 will attend together, and we need everyone else to volunteer! Three nights, June 23rd-25th, 6pm-8pm. Featuring dinner for everyone, worship, Bible lessons, crafts, and games. Full details and registration: valleysprings.org/summerfest.

SUMMER FAMILY BBQ: Everyone is invited to help us celebrate God's work during our Summer Family Fest week with delicious food, games, and the conclusion of our epic Tank Wars tournament! Saturday, June 26th, 6pm.

WOMEN'S GATHERINGS: Women are gathering in small, informal groups to foster community. Find a time and location that work for you: valleysprings.org/women Contact: Kara Miedema (karamiedema@gmail.com).

SUMMER PARK DATES: Join other Valley Springs' moms for fellowship and playtime for our kids. 9am-10:30am on June 29th (Olympus Park), July 6th (Royer Park), July 13th (Maidu Regional Park), July 20th (Hillsborough Park), July 27th (Central Park), and August 3rd (Madera Park). Contact: Kara Miedema (karamiedema@gmail.com).

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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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