

THE
Servant
OF
God



March 19, 2023

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GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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General Offering: Mar 6 - Mar 12.....	\$ 17,403
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Deficit.....	(\$ 9,097)
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$116,861)

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **12.7%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **15.0%** of our budget by this time in the year.

\$31,420 would bring us up to average.

GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to
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READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

¹ Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. ² Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! ³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

- Psalm 33:1-3 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

BY FAITH

(*Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend, 2009*)

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

SONGS

THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE

(Words and Music by Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty, 2002)

There is a higher throne than all this world has known;
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace: Salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing. Their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies, their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks and honor are
To God, our King, who reigns on high, forever more.*

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye, as thirst and hunger die;
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King: we'll reign with Him.

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹¹ As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! ¹² For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

¹³ Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!
- Psalm 40:11-13 (English Standard Version)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

- Psalm 34:22 (English Standard Version)

SONGS

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

(Words: Thomas O. Chisholm / Music: William M. Runyan)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

REVELATION SONG

(Words and Music by Jennie Lee Riddle, 2004)

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color; flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery, yeah.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God."

⁵ And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

⁸ Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, ⁹ saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; ¹⁰ they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. ¹¹ And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. ¹² Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene."

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

- Isaiah 49:1-13 (*English Standard Version*)

SERMON OUTLINE

A Light for the Nations

Isaiah 49:1-13

Listen to me! (Isaiah 49:1-2)

Behold, the restoration of Israel through the Servant of God! (Isaiah 49:3-6)

Behold, the restoration of the World through the Servant of God!

(Isaiah 49:7-13)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

- Matthew 5:13-16 (*English Standard Version*)

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- Genesis 12:1-3 (*English Standard Version*)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- Revelation 7:9-14 (*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

O CHURCH ARISE

(Words & Music by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson, 2016)

O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.

For now the weak can say that they are strong

In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;

An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;

And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,

We will fight with faith and valor.

When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,

And Christ will have the prize for which He died an inheritance of nations.

Arise, shine, for your Light has come. Arise, shine for the risen Son.

Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride. Arise, O Church, arise.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;

Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from his grave,

This vict'ry march continues 'til the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,

That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,

We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SERVICES: Join us Wednesdays at noon for a special service as we prepare and anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Continues through Holy Week, in the Chapel.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Join the men of Valley Springs for breakfast at Jim Thomas' house on Saturday, March 25th at 7:30am. Volunteers are needed both Friday night and Saturday morning. For more information or to sign up to help, contact Peter Hyun at hyun.peter@gmail.com.

HOLY WEEK: Special services for Maundy Thursday (April 6th, 7pm, in the Worship Room), Good Friday (April 7th, 7pm, in the Worship Room), and Easter Sunday (April 9th, 10am, in the Worship Room). Communion will be served at the Maundy Thursday service. Nursery/Toddler room open, but not staffed for all services. Come worship with us!

RIDE MINISTRY: The Valley Springs' Ride Ministry provides transportation for Valley Springs church attendees who are not able to drive. Transportation is available for Sunday services, church events, and medical appointments depending on the availability of ministry volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or need a ride, please email info@valleysprings.org.

VALLEY SPRINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2023-24 school year is open! See www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org or contact Danya Schulte: danya@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7670.

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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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