

September 10, 2023

REJOICE

celebrate the savior

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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General Offering: Aug 28 - Sept 3	\$ 23,277
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Deficit.....	(\$ 3,123)
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$209,355)

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **54.0%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **50.9%** of our budget by this time in the year.

GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to
(669) 333-5880

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

¹⁹The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

²¹Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

²²Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

- Psalm 103:19-22 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

EVERLASTING GOD

(*Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Ken Riley, 2005*)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord; we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, you reign forever; our hope, our Strong Deliverer.

*You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.
You're the Defender of the weak; you comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.*

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

(*Words and Music by Jeremy Riddle and Phil Wickham, 2013*)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger,
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

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SONGS

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You lay down your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy, worthy, worthy!

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹Thus 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? ²All 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."

- Isaiah 66:1-2 (English Standard Version)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

⁵"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' "

- Jeremiah 23:5-6 (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!"

GOD OF EVERY GRACE

(Words and Music by Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Matt Boswell, 2023)

Oh, let not this world of sorrows steal my only hope away.
For the power of Your gospel shines within this jar of clay.
In affliction, You bring wisdom that my comforts can displace;
How my true and greatest treasure is in You, the God of grace.

*Now, to the God of every grace,
Who counts my tears, who holds my days,
I sing through sorrow, sing with faith;
O, praise the God of every grace.*

Weary with the weight I carry, give me wings of faith to rise.
For You know each grief that lingers through the watches of the night.
Surely You have borne our sufferings, at the cross took up our pain
And You lead us on to glory as we trust You, God of grace.

There's a dawning hope before us that I know is soon to break,
As I wait upon Your mercy which will swallow every ache.
Cries of joy and songs of victory when we enter heaven's gates;
All Your children home together, all with You, the God of grace.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹²By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

- 1 Peter 5:12-14 (*English Standard Version*)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What comes to mind when you think of the word "security"? Think of a time when you experienced this.
- What comes to mind when you think of the word "community"? Think of a time when you experienced this.
- What comes to mind when you think of the word "peace"? Think of a time when you experienced this.
- Why was it important that the early church received these last words from Peter? How might these last three verses impacted the church of that time?
- Why is it important that the church of today receives these last words from Peter?

SERMON OUTLINE

All of Grace

1 Peter 5:12-14

To close his letter to these suffering Christians, Peter returns to how he opened the letter, highlighting both the exile that the church finds itself in and the way in which the grace of God meets them in their need. As a final encouragement, Peter tells the church of three things they need to know to face what is ahead of them:

The grace of God provides real security (1 Peter 5:12, 2:24, 3:22)

The grace of God provides real community (1 Peter 5:13; 1 Corinthians 12:26)

The grace of God provides real peace (1 Peter 5:14; John 20:19-21)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

The entire Christian life is one of grace—God’s daily bestowal of blessings, strength, help, forgiveness, and fellowship with himself, all of which we need, none of which we ever deserve. All is of grace, every day. From continual trust in that grace and from continual obedience empowered by it Christians must not move: rather, they must stand fast in it—until the day of their death.

- Wayne Grudem, *1 Peter: An Introduction and Commentary* (p. 208)

²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ... ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

- 1 Peter 2:24, 3:22 (*English Standard Version*)

²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

- 1 Corinthians 12:26 (*English Standard Version*)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

- John 20:19-21 (*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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: New Bible studies for women have begun! We're studying the book of James. For more info, check out valleysprings.org/women.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Saturday morning Men's Bible study resumes on September 16th. This fall, we will be studying "Knowing God" by J. I. Packer every Saturday from 7:30am to 9am in the Youth Room. For more info, check out valleysprings.org/men.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - STEPHEN MINISTRY: Stephen Ministry is a listening and caring ministry. Are you going through a season where you just need a kind ear? Reach out to our Stephen Ministry coordinator, Lauri Whiddon (lauriwhiddon@yahoo.com). She will connect you with a Stephen Minister available to walk through life with you. All requests and care recipients are kept confidential.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - COMMUNION TEAM: In October, we will be returning to passing the plates or coming forward for Communion. In order to facilitate this, we need volunteers to serve on the Communion Team. It would be a once-a-month commitment. If you are interested, please email info@valleysprings.org. There will still be a gluten-free prepackaged option for those who need and/or prefer it.

STAY CONNECTED: Want to connect with Valley Springs throughout the week? Follow us on social media! We are on Facebook (@ValleySpringsChurch) and Instagram (@vsproseville). We also have community groups that you can connect with! If you need help getting connected, please reach out to Dana Allred (dana@valleysprings.org). Dana is our Coordinator of Connection and she would love to help you find fellowship.

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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