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Us



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CALL TO WORSHIP

⁸There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ⁹All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. ¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. ¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. ¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

- Psalm 86:8-12 (*English Standard Version*)

CONFESSION OF SIN

⁶Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

- Psalm 25:6-7 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

²¹“But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²²None of the transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him; for the righteousness that he has done he shall live.

- Ezekiel 18:21-22 (*English Standard Version*)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 32:

What do justification and sanctification mean?

Answer:

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ’s death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit’s work in us.

1 Peter 1:1-2 - To those who are elect exiles...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ² My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! *Selah*

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. ⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. ⁷ They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*
⁹ Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. ¹² O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

- Psalm 84 (*English Standard Version*)

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

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

SERMON OUTLINE

Remember

Psalm 84

God revives his pilgrim people who cry out with deep homesickness.

(Psalm 84:8-9)

What beatitudes are given to revive God's pilgrim, homesick people in Psalm 84?

Blessed are the homesick for they shall find nesting places in the presence of God... (Psalm 84:1-4)

Blessed are the homesick for they shall find resilient strength on their journey home... (Psalm 84:5-9)

Blessed are the homesick for they shall find new proofs for their trust in God... (Psalm 84:10-12)

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

- Do you like "roughing it"? Backpacks and tents? Or do you prefer hotels and bathrooms?
- With whom do you feel "at home"? Why? What do you like to do to make someone feel "at home" with you?
- Who were the "sons of Korah", to whom this psalm is attributed (read 1 Chronicles 26:1-19)? With what are they enamored (Psalm 84:1-2)?
- "Baca" is Hebrew for "balsam tree" and also comes from the root "to weep". What happened to David in this valley (read 2 Samuel 5:22-25)? What image does the poet give to the pilgrims (Psalm 84:6-7)?
- What do they pray in the Temple (Psalm 84:8-9)? Who is the "shield" or "anointed one"?
- What could be so good about being in the Temple courts (Psalm 84:10-12)?
- What keeps it from getting repetitious?
- Why did God command three pilgrimages a year for the Jews? Why couldn't they thank God in their hometowns? What is the difference between private and corporate worship?
- Would you say that you are more of a "settler" or a "pilgrim"? Why?
- How have the memories of place and people revived you in the past?

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!
Let all who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me 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!

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!"

HIS MERCY IS MORE

(Words and Music by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, 2016)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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SONGS

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

JESUS PAID IT ALL

(Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865 / Music: John T. Grape, 1868 / Bridge: Alex Nifong, 2006)

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Oh praise the one who paid my debt, who raised this life up from the dead.

BETTER IS ONE DAY (Words and Music by Matt Redman, 1995)

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

*Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere.*

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

*My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen.
Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.*

Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION SERVICE: Sundays at 9am, we will meet for a short communion service. This service will be offered each week, rain-or-shine.

FAMILY WORSHIP FIFTEEN: Beginning next Sunday, January 17th, we will have a special time for families with children Grade 5 and under to play, sing, read, and pray together. Join us at 10:15am outside, and then stay for main service. We will not meet if it is raining. Led by Matt and Sarah Esswein.

GOSPEL FORMATION CLASSES: Beginning today at 9am, via livestream: *Who Do You Say that He Is?* (a study of the Gospel of Mark, ongoing, taught by Mike Savage). Beginning January 17th, 9am, via Zoom: *Gentle and Lowly, The Tender Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* (a deeper look at the heart of Jesus Christ, and his gentle, tender, compassionate love for his people, taught by Matt Esswein and Marcel Weiland). Email Matt Esswein (matte@valleysprings.org) for Zoom link.

HIRE-A-HELPER: U4IC high school students are looking to help you out around your house and make some money towards their mission trip to Mexico. If you have a job that a high school student can handle, we would love to send them your way. To schedule a date and time, contact: Isaac Noschka (isaac@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7940 x140) or Matt Mobley (mattm@valleysprings.org).

TEXT-TO-GIVE: A new option to make giving easier. Simply text "give" to (669) 333-5880. You'll be asked to fill out a quick form to get set up for the first time. After that, giving is as easy as sending a text. Try it today!

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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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