

August 6, 2023

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celebrate the savior

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PLEDGE CARD UPDATE

Increase Monthly Giving\$ 6,256.33

One-Time Special Gifts.....\$ 51,150.00

Largest Potential Financial Impact..... \$ 300,000

The pledge cards are designed to help the Session know where adjustments to the current plan need to be made. We are asking that pledge cards be turned in by August 1st.

If you have any questions, please email info@valleysprings.org or connect with an Elder/Generosity Team Member.

GIVE NOW



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READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

- Psalm 96:8-9 (English Standard Version)

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.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

(Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood, 2016)

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

*What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now?

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SONGS

*What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

*What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

- Isaiah 6:1-5 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹³ Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. ¹⁴ Blessed is the one who fears the Lord...

- Proverbs 28:13-14a (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

(Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves, 2004)

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing: How great is our God!

HOW GREAT THOU ART

(Words and Music by Stuart Wesley Keene Hine)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art!

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 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 3:18-22 (*English Standard Version*)

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

- Reflect upon the differences between Christ's suffering in 3:18 and ours from 3:13-17. For whom did Christ suffer?
- What did Christ's suffering accomplish? (18)
- Are you familiar with the term, "eternal security"? What does the Bible teach concerning our position in Christ? See John 6:35-44, Romans 8:31-39.
- In chapter 3:14-17 we understand that when suffering unjustly, our life preaches the gospel. This gives an opportunity to share our hope gently and with respect to those who ask 'why'... Have you ever experienced this? How did it go? What words did the Lord give to you to share with your friend?
- What comfort do you draw from verse 22? How do you see this parallels Romans 8:31-39?

SERMON OUTLINE

Christ's Suffering - Our Rescue

1 Peter 3:18-22

Through the Spirit of Christ, Peter tells believers something vital that we need to understand. It is that ***Christ's suffering fully accomplished our salvation.*** We will see that ***in his suffering, Christ accomplished, preached, and secured our salvation—making it far more than merely possible: it makes our salvation actual.***

What do we need to understand about Christ's suffering?

Christ's suffering *accomplished* salvation. (1 Peter 3:18)

Christ suffering *preaches* grace and judgement to the world. (1 Peter 3:19-20)

Christ suffering *secures* salvation for all who ask. (1 Peter 3:21-22)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

- John 6:35-40 (*English Standard Version*)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He 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? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who 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. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:31-39 (*English Standard Version*)

The suffering of Christ was preached through Noah. And Noah himself finally came as a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), and proclaimed to his contemporaries the Gospel of salvation through the Spirit of Christ (1 Peter 3:19-20). But such saints as these came to be more and more an exception. Sethites and Cainites inter-married and begot children which even surpassed those of earlier generations in physical prowess (Gen. 6:4). The corruption of mankind was rampant, the imagination of men's hearts was evil from their youth on up, and the earth was filled with violence through them (Gen.6:5, 12-13 and 8:21). Even though God in His long-suffering still granted a postponement of one-hundred twenty years (Gen. 6:3 and 1 Peter 3:20), and although in the preaching of Noah He pointed to an avenue of escape, nevertheless ancient mankind moved on to its doom and finally perished in the waters of the flood.

- Herman Bavinck, *The Wonderful Works of God* (p. 32)

Note well that... "[Holy Scripture] sets forth everywhere that this earth is the only place for repentance and purging. It nowhere mentions anything about any preaching of the gospel on the other side of the grave."

- op. cit. Bavinck (p. 538)

READINGS

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Although not written by the apostles, the Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER PARK PLAY DATES: Join the moms and kiddos of Valley Springs for fellowship and playtime. The next play date is Tuesday, August 8th, 9am at Johnson Springview Park in Rocklin.

END OF SUMMER BASH: Summer may be ending, but our fun is just getting started! Join us for a (California) BBQ and our annual tank wars on Saturday, August 19th at 5 pm. Please plan to bring either a main dish and a side OR a main dish and a dessert.

JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE: Our food pantry needs to be restocked! We need canned fruit, canned chicken, jelly, individually packaged snacks, baked beans, boxed pasta noodles, and soup. Drop off donations at the front desk.

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.

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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