

Announcements

Shelter Live Stream: Our Shelter service continues each week at noon, both in-person and via livestream. This brief midweek service runs about 40 minutes, and reflections are taken from our Shelter daily devotional email. Join us, in-person or via livestream, any week.

World Relief: Join us for a virtual event entitled "Journeys to Beginning". It will encourage you to hear the individual and family stories of recent immigrants to Sacramento who have been assisted through the work of World Relief. Thursday, June 18th, 7pm. Register here: <https://worldrelief.org/journeys/>

Summerfest 2020: Our annual vacation Bible school is going virtual! For kids in Kindergarten through Grade 5, videos will be provided each day (June 22nd-26th), and will include songs, funny skits, Bible lessons, at-home crafts, and fun games to play! There is no cost to access the daily video content, but advance registration is required. For the full Summerfest experience, purchase a Summerfest Fun Box for each child (\$25). Each box includes a commemorative t-shirt as well as all supplies necessary to complete the craft activities. Register now: valleysprings.org/summerfest.

Valley Springs Christian Preschool: Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2020-21 school year is now open. See www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org or contact Danya Schulte: danya@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7940 x106.

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!

Order of Service

1st week after Pentecost

June 7th, 2020

Gathered by God for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship
Philippians 4:4-5

Songs of Praise
Oh Give Thanks to the Lord
Jesus Strong and Kind

Prayer of Adoration

Renewed by God Through Grace

Confession of Sin
Philippians 4:6

Declaration of Grace
Philippians 4:7

Song of Renewal and Gratitude
Arise My Soul, Arise

Set Apart by God for Service in Every Area of Life

Offering

Sermon

Sent by God to Serve Our World Together

Song of Response
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Blessing

General Offering: May 25 - May 31	\$ 14,958
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 31,600
Last Week's Deficit	(\$ 16,642)
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$ 157,816)

This information can also be found at valleysprings.org

Readings

Scripture

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- Philippians 1:2-11 (*English Standard Version*)

Reflection

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

- Philippians 1:18-26 (*English Standard Version*)

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. 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. 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*)

Sermon Outline

Grace To You And Peace

Philippians 1:2-11

The Gospel Advances

Brad Anderson

We are a community formed by shared grace in Jesus Christ... (Philippians 1:2, 7-8)

In this shared grace, we can find reasons to rejoice!

Shared grace looks with joy to the needs of others... (Philippians 1:3-5)

Shared grace looks with joy to the completion of God's good work...

(Philippians 1:6, 10)

Shared grace looks with joy to Jesus, whose multidimensional love overflows... (Philippians 1:8-11)

- Jesus' love will produce knowledge.
- Jesus' love will produce discernment.
- Jesus' love will produce blameless conduct.
- Jesus' love will produce righteousness.

Reflection Questions (*taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups*)

- How has the gospel of grace advanced in your life over these last months?
- Can you hear any of the promises found in Genesis (chapters 12, 15, 17) echoing in the words of Philippians 1:2-11?
- Paul's various arrests, imprisonments, and trials stretch through eight chapters in the book of Acts (Acts 21–28). He writes Philippians while imprisoned and with execution looming. Amazingly, his focus is squarely on the Philippians' welfare. Do you see any indication in verses 1–11 as to why and how Paul can focus on thankfulness, joy, and the welfare of others, instead of on his own hard circumstances?
- Paul's language is extremely warm and personal in these verses (especially vv. 3–5, 7–8). Why? Was it mere courtesy? Was it based on time spent together? Or was there a still deeper connection? (Hint: notice the connecting language in vv. 5, 7, which introduces his stated reasons—e.g., "because..." "It is right...because..." "for...")
- In what can you find reason to rejoice today? How can you share the grace of Jesus with others this week in practical ways?