

THE  
Servant  
OF  
God



March 12, 2023

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<b>General Offering: Feb 27 - Mar 5 .....</b>	<b>\$ 18,593</b>
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Deficit.....	(\$ 7,907)
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$107,763)

### *How are we doing?*

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **11.4%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **13.9%** of our budget by this time in the year.

**\$34,848** would bring us up to average.

## GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to  
(669) 333-5880

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# READINGS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

- Psalm 32:11 (English Standard Version)

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# SONGS

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## REJOICE

(Words and Music by Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Skye Peterson, 2022)

Rejoice in the Lord now and always. Sing it again, we rejoice.  
Delight in the love He has shown us; gratefully lift up your voice.  
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise.  
We gather in His goodness, a family of grace.

*With each breath He's given, praise the Lord.  
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord.  
Throughout every season, I am sure  
We have every reason to praise the Lord.*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.  
Come with a song of thanksgiving, lay your requests at His feet.  
His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ who reigns eternal, the Shepherd of our lives.

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, tell of the good He has done.  
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come.  
The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy.  
With praise that's never ending, we say again rejoice.

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# SONGS

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## 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!

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! <sup>2</sup>For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me. <sup>3</sup>There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. <sup>4</sup>For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. ... <sup>13</sup>But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear, like a mute man who does not open his mouth. <sup>14</sup>I have become like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes. <sup>15</sup>But for you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

- Psalm 38:1-4, 13-15 *(English Standard Version)*

## DECLARATION OF GRACE

<sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. <sup>20</sup>He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. <sup>21</sup>Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

- Psalm 34:19-21 *(English Standard Version)*

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# SONGS

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## WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

*(Words: Joseph Scriven / Swedish tune: Barn och stjärnor)*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

## STILL, MY SOUL, BE STILL

*(Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend, 2008)*

Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear  
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow.  
God is at your side; no longer dread  
The fires of unexpected sorrow.

*God, You are my God,  
And I will trust in You and not be shaken.  
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me  
To rest in You alone.*

Still, my soul, be still, do not be moved  
By lesser lights and fleeting shadows.  
Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith  
Against temptation's flaming arrows.

Still, my soul, be still, do not forsake  
The truth you learned in the beginning.  
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise  
As stars appear when day is dimming.

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## SCRIPTURE

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me! <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," <sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

<sup>19</sup> Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! <sup>20</sup> They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain. <sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? <sup>22</sup> I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

- Psalm 139:1-24 (English Standard Version)

# SERMON OUTLINE

**Search me, O God, and know my heart**

*Psalm 139:1-24*

*Because God fully knows everything about you, you can fully trust in Him.*

**God knows what your situation is...**

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**God knows where your story began...**

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**God knows what you're searching for...**

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## 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)

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# SONGS

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## **O LOVE THOU WILL NOT LET ME GO**

*(Words by George Matheson; Music by Albert Lister Peace)*

O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.



# 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.

**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](http://www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org) or contact Danya Schulte: [danya@valleysprings.org](mailto: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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