

Lyrics

Come Praise and Glorify (Words & Music by Bob Kauflin and Tim Chester, 2011)

Come praise and glorify our God the Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory to the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us the myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill.

Come praise and glorify our God for we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal the Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise to God the Three in One

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) (Words & Music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin & Loue Giglio, 2006)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Words & Music by Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Announcements

12th week after Pentecost

August 23rd, 2020

Shelter: Our Shelter service continues each week at noon via livestream. This brief midweek service runs about 40 minutes, and reflections are taken from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Join us in-person or via livestream any week.

Learning to Love - Race, Reconciliation, Forgiveness, and Discipleship: Valley Springs attenders are invited to join this ongoing virtual conversation hosted by Pastor Lance Lewis of Soaring Oaks Presbyterian Church. This class meets on Thursdays at 7:30pm, via Zoom. For connection information, email info@valleysprings.org.

Learning to Love when there are Political Differences: Sundays at 10:45am via Zoom. Have you wanted to learn how to love people with whom you disagree politically? Have you wanted to be equipped to have fruitful, Christ-honoring conversations with people with whom you disagree politically? A new class entitled "Learning to Love when there are Political Differences". It will meet virtually for 10 weeks. Register at valleysprings.org.

Drive-Up Prayer: We want to pray with you and for you! The elders have set aside a time for prayer on Sunday, August 30th from 3-5pm. We invite you to come by the church for a scheduled time of prayer with one of the elders or a pastor. Use info@valleysprings.org to schedule your time-slot during that window.

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!

General Offering: August 10 - August 16.....	\$ 20,345
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 31,600
Last Week's Deficit	(\$ 11,255)
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$ 245,984)

This information can also be found at valleysprings.org

Readings

Call to Worship

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Philippians 2:5-11 (*English Standard Version*)

Confession of Sin

⁵ O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

⁶ Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord God of hosts...
- Psalm 69:5-6a (*English Standard Version*)

Declaration of Grace

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. ² O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. ³ When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. ⁴ Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!
- Psalm 65:1-4 (*English Standard Version*)

Scripture

¹ And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation."
² "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. ³ Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. ⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶ The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷ The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. ⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹ "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. ¹⁰ The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

- 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (*English Standard Version*)

Sermon Outline

Who Is Like The Lord Our God? *Benedictions, Doxologies, Prayers*
1 Samuel 2:1-10 Brad Anderson

A life that rejoices in the Lord's salvation knows that the weak can find their hope in him... (1 Samuel 1:11, 2:1)

Can your heart find reason to exalt in the Lord?

Let the eyes of your heart consider his power. (1 Samuel 2:1b-3, 6-7, 8b-10a)

Let the eyes of your heart consider his benevolence. (1 Samuel 2:4-5, 8)

Let the eyes of your heart consider his king. (1 Samuel 2:10)

Reflection Questions

- Who is your favorite female vocalist, why? Which song stands out to you in their repertoire? Which has the best lyrics?
- What do you observe in 1 Samuel 2:1-10 about God's sovereignty? About God's power to lift the weak and poor, changing their fortunes? About God's kingly reign?
- Compare 1 Samuel 2:1-10 to Luke 1:46-55. What is similar about the cases and contents of each song? Do you think Mary was imitating Hannah on purpose? Why or why not?
- At least six other children in the Bible are conceived by special acts of God: Isaac, Jacob and Esau, Samson, John the Baptist, and Jesus. Study the circumstances surrounding each birth. What might be the point of this pattern?
- How does 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10 illustrate Ephesians 3:20?
- What does it mean to call God a "Rock" (1 Samuel 2:2)?
- Hannah wanted to have something she could consecrate entirely to the Lord. Does this desire affect your prayer life? Should it? This week, try to think of something you can ask of the Lord in order to dedicate it to Him.