

JUNE 5, 2022

PRAYERS
*from
the* OLD
TESTAMENT

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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General Offering: May 23 - May 29.....	\$ 17,059
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Deficit	(\$ 9,441)
Budget Deficit (YTD)	(\$ 167,126)

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **30.2%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **33.1%** of our budget by this time in the year.

\$40,345 would bring us up to average.

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

⁴ May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

- Psalm 70:4 (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.

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!"

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

²² "Return, O faithless sons;
I will heal your faithlessness."
"Behold, we come to you,
for you are the Lord our God."

- Jeremiah 3:22 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

- John 14:1-3 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

ROCK OF AGES

(Words and Music by Edwin Othello Excell, Lowell Mason, and William Cowper)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands,
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, thou must save and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace,
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

GOODNESS OF GOD

(Words and Music by Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, and Jenn Johnson, 2018)

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful.

All my life You have been so, so good.

With ev'ry breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹² Moses said to the Lord, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." ²¹ And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

- Exodus 33:12-23 (*English Standard Version*)

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

- Once in heaven, what three questions will you ask God?
- What three concerns does Moses bring to God? What do these concerns have to do with the people (Exodus 32:1)?
- What does the presence of God (or the lack of it) mean to him? What ensures Israel's continuing existence?
- What in Moses' bold appeal do you think persuades God to do an "about-face"? What is Moses shown and told? Why does God set limits like this? When is Moses' prayer more fully answered (See Luke 9:30-32)?
- Is anyone ever refused God's mercy who asks for it? What comes first: His mercy; or our obedience (see Genesis, ch. 32)?
- When have you gone to God in a time of great duress? What was his reply? How does your memory of this make you feel about God's ability to take care of your problems now?
- How might your experience help someone else facing stress? With whom will you share your story?

SERMON OUTLINE

The Intercession of Moses

Exodus 33:12-23

God's presence among his people means everything... (Exodus 33:14-16)

What does Moses' intercession reveal about God's presence among his people?

The more we know God, the more we want to know him... (Exodus 33:12-13)

The more we ask God, the more we want to ask him... (Exodus 33:17-18)

The more we see God, the more we want to see him... (Exodus 33:19-23)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

- Luke 9:30-32 (*English Standard Version*)

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

- Hebrews 11:23-28 (*English Standard Version*)

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:12–18 (*English Standard Version*)

READINGS

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the Biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

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

* ("catholic" means "world-wide" in scope rather than regional or sectarian)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY: The Lighthouse ministry for adults with special needs begins on Saturday, June 11th from 6pm-8pm in the Youth Room. Includes games, crafts, worship, teaching, prayer, and snacks. Occurs on the 2nd Saturday each month. If you would like to volunteer, or learn more, email Dan Adragna at dan@allaccesschurch.com.

2022 SUMMERFEST: Our annual vacation Bible school is coming soon! Three nights, June 15th-17th, 6pm-8:15pm, featuring dinner for everyone, worship, Bible lessons, crafts, and games. More info and registration: www.valleysprings.org/summerfest.

SUMMER PARK DATES: Join other Valley Springs moms for fellowship and playtime for our kids. 9am-10:30am on June 7th (Johnson Springview Park), June 21st (Olympus Park), June 28th (Central Park), July 5th (Royer Park), July 12th (Mahany Park), July 19th (Hillsborough Park), July 26th (Maidu Regional Park), and August 2nd (Madera Park). Contact: Kara Miedema (karamiedema@gmail.com).

SUMMER FAMILY FUN: Multiple opportunities to be together as a community throughout the summer! See the insert in today's bulletin or check out valleysprings.org/summer for the full schedule.

VALLEY SPRINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2022-23 school year is open. See www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org or contact Danya Schulte: danya@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7670.

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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