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GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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General Offering: April 12 - April 18	\$ 11,380
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,808
Last Week's Deficit	(\$ 15,428)
Budget Deficit (YTD)	(\$ 121,956)

This information can also be found at valleysprings.org

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

¹Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ²Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God. ³Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. ⁴Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. ⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. ⁶Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. ⁷In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

- Psalm 86:1-7 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹⁴“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. ¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

- Psalm 91:14-16 (*English Standard Version*)

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- Colossians 1:9-14 (*English Standard Version*)

REFLECTION QUOTE

Endurance is what faith, hope and love bring to an apparently impossible situation, patience is what they show to an apparently impossible person.

- N.T. Wright, *Colossians and Philemon* (p. 60)

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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)

SERMON OUTLINE

We Pray for You

Colossians 1:9-14

What does Paul commit to pray for the church of Colossae? (Colossians 1:9a)

Paul prays that the church might...

KNOW God's Will...in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...

(Colossians 1:9b-10a)

WALK in a manner worthy of the Lord... *(Colossians 1:10-12a)*

- Bearing fruit in every good work...
- Increasing in knowledge of God...
- Being strengthened with God's power...for endurance and patience...
- Giving thanks to the Father...

REMEMBER God's deliverance from sin... *(Colossians 1:12b-14)*

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

- What are the things that you pray for most regularly? What does this show about your priorities?
- What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
- When people talk about God's will, what do they tend to talk about? How can we know God's will for us?
- How is the picture of "walking" helpful in Paul's prayer that the church walk in a manner worthy of the Lord?
- What might be some practical ways in your life you could walk in a manner worthy of the Lord?
- Read the quote from N.T. Wright below on endurance and patience. Why are endurance and patience needed so much in our world today? What might it look like for you to live in endurance and patience?
- Why do we need prayer to remember God's deliverance from sin in our everyday lives?
- How could you use this prayer this week? Who could you pray this prayer over?
- Try reading (or listening) through the whole book of Colossians in one sitting this week. Take note of the words, phrases, and themes that stand out to you. (It only takes about 20 minutes to read or listen to the whole book.)

SONGS

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!"

EVER BE

(Words and Music by Bobby Strand, Chris Greely, Gabriel Wilson, and Kalley Heiligenthal, 2014)

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold,
Like a vow that is tested, like a covenant of old.
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today.

Faithful You have been, and faithful You will be.
You pledge Yourself to me, and it's why I sing:

*Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.*

You father the orphan; Your kindness makes us whole.
You shoulder our weakness, and Your strength becomes our own.

You're making me like You, clothing me in white,
Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have Your bride.

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name, and it's why I sing:

*You will be praised, You will be praised.
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord.*

RECKLESS LOVE *(Words and Music by Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, and Ran Jackson, 2017)*

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

*O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away.
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Yeah.*

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SONGS

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

There's no shadow You won't light up,
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me.
There's no wall You won't kick down,
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me.

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

(Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, and Louie 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.

DESERT SONG *(Words and Music by Brooke Fraser, 2008)*

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry.
This is my prayer in my hunger and need. My God is the God who provides.

This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness or trial or pain.
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold.
So refine me, Lord, through the flame.

*I will bring praise. I will bring praise.
No weapon formed against me shall remain.
I will rejoice. I will declare, God is my victory, and He is here.*

This is my prayer in the battle, when triumph is still on its way.
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand.

All of my life, in ev'ry season, You are still God.
I have a reason to sing. I have a reason to worship.

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favor and providence flow.
I know I'm filled to be emptied again. The seed I've received I will sow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARK DATES: Join other Valley Springs' moms for fellowship and playtime for our kids. Monday, May 10th from 3pm-5pm at Royer Park.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The men's Bible study has started, *33theseries: Volume 2*, Saturdays at 7:30am. Registration and more info at: valleysprings.org/men.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU LOVE - THE SPIRITUAL POWER OF HABIT: In *You Are What You Love*, James K. A. Smith helps us recognize the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices. This class will meet from May 2nd to June 13th, at 9am, in the Middle School Room and via Zoom. Please purchase a book in advance; we will read a chapter each week and then discuss on Sunday. Led by Marcel Weiland and Mark Bryan. Email matte@valleysprings.org for the Zoom info.

VALLEY SPRINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2021-22 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!

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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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