


ALIVE  
*in*  
CHRIST

A photograph of a wooden cross with a white cloth draped over it. The cross is made of weathered wood and is set against a background of green trees and a blue sky. The text "ALIVE in CHRIST" is written on the cross in white. "ALIVE" is in a bold, serif font, "in" is in a cursive script, and "CHRIST" is in a bold, serif font. The white cloth is draped over the horizontal beam of the cross, creating soft folds and shadows. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:6-7

Songs of Praise

*Cannons*

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Prayer of Adoration

## RENEWED BY GOD THROUGH GRACE

Confession of Sin

Isaiah 1:16-18

Declaration of Grace

Psalm 143:7-12

Songs of Renewal & Gratitude

*The Stand*

*Forever Reign*

## SET APART BY GOD

Offering

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The Lord's Supper

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## SENT BY GOD

Song of Response

*Waiting Here for You*

Blessing

<b>General Offering: June 21 - June 27 .....</b>	<b>\$ 15,244</b>
Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 26,808
Last Week's Deficit .....	(\$ 11,564)
Budget Deficit (YTD) .....	(\$ 210,770)

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# READINGS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
<sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

- Psalm 47:6-7 (English Standard Version)

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# SONGS

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## CANNONS

(Words and Music by Phil Wickham, 2006)

It's falling from the clouds, a strange and lovely sound.  
I hear it in the thunder and the rain.  
It's ringing in the skies like cannons in the night;  
The music of the universe plays.

*We're singing: You are holy, great and mighty.  
The moon and the stars declare who You are.  
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me.  
Forever my heart will sing of how great You are.*

Beautiful and free, the song of galaxies,  
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way.  
Let's join in with the sound, come on let's sing it out  
As the music of the universe plays.

All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.  
All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.  
All glory, honor, power is Yours forever, amen.

## HOLY SPIRIT

(Words and Music by Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt, 2011)

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.  
No thing can compare; You're our living hope. Your Presence.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone, in Your Presence, Lord.

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.*

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# SONGS

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Your Presence, Lord. Your Presence,  
Oh God, how we love Your Presence, Lord.

Let us become more aware of Your Presence;  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness, Lord.

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### CONFESSION OF SIN

<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup>learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

<sup>18</sup>"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

- Isaiah 1:16-18 (*English Standard Version*)

### DECLARATION OF GRACE

<sup>7</sup>Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

<sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge. <sup>10</sup>Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

<sup>11</sup>For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! <sup>12</sup>And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

- Psalm 143:7-12 (*English Standard Version*)

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## **THE STAND** *(Words and Music by Joel Houston, 2005)*

You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand.  
You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand.

You stood before my failure, and carried the cross for my shame.  
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders, my soul now to stand.

So what can I say?  
And what can I do, but offer this heart, O God,  
Completely to You?

So I'll walk upon salvation, Your Spirit alive in me.  
My life to declare Your promise, my soul now to stand.

So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,  
In awe of the One who gave it all.  
I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered.  
All I am is Yours. All I am is Yours.

## **FOREVER REIGN** *(Words and Music by Jason Ingram and Reuben Morgan, 2009)*

You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me.  
You are love, You are love, on display for all to see.  
You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in.  
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling.  
You are true You, are true, even in my wandering.  
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing.  
You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.

*Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms.  
The riches of Your love will always be enough.  
Nothing compares to Your embrace.  
Light of the world, forever reign.*

You are more, You are more, than my words will ever say.  
You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim.  
You are here, You are here, in Your presence I'm made whole.  
You are God, You are God, of all else I'm letting go.

My heart will sing, no other Name.  
Jesus, Jesus.

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## SCRIPTURE

<sup>2</sup>Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup>At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup>that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup>Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

- Colossians 4:2-6 (*English Standard Version*)

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS (taken in part from Mark Meynell's *Colossians for You*.)

- Take some time to summarize the main idea of Colossians. Re-read Colossians 1:15-23.
- Read Colossians 4:2-6. What are some reasons Paul might end his instructions this way? How does it connect to the main idea of the letter?
- What does it look like for people to persevere or do something “steadfastly”? What are some things that make it difficult for us to be steadfast in prayer?
- How do our prayers look different when they are done “being watchful in it with thanksgiving”? What is something we can do to encourage ourselves to have a thankful attitude when approaching God?
- Do you think it is more important what you say to “outsiders” or how you say it? What happens if we focus on one of these at the expense of the other?
- How might you apply verses 5 and 6 to social media or today’s technology?

# SERMON OUTLINE

## Persevering in Prayer

*Colossians 4:2-6*

When our lives reflect the centrality and sufficiency of Christ...

**We will pray steadfastly...** (Colossians 4:2)

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**We will pray for the Gospel work of others...** (Colossians 4:3-4)

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**We will walk in wisdom towards outsiders...** (Colossians 4:5-6)

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# — REFLECTION QUOTES —

The Christology of Colossians has a very practical concern: to demonstrate the sufficiency of Christ for the believer's every spiritual need.

- Douglas Moo, *The Letters to the Colossians and to Philemon* (p. 52)

This letter that addresses a congregation challenged by a form of syncretism has significant contemporary application in a society in which the "virtues" of pluralism and tolerance are exalted as most important. Instead of simply pointing out the errors of the various practices and beliefs promoted by the false teachers, Paul begins and ends with an intense focus on Christ as the foundation of the believers' existence.

- David Pao, *Colossians & Philemon* (p. 31)

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

- Ephesians 5:15-16 (*English Standard Version*)



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## 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)

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# SONGS

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## WAITING HERE FOR YOU (Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Martin Smith, 2011)

If faith can move the mountains, let the mountains move.

We come with expectation,  
Waiting here for You, waiting here for You.

You're the Lord of all creation, and still You know my heart;  
The Author of salvation, You've loved us from the start.

*Waiting here for You, with our hands lifted high in praise.  
And it's You we adore, singing: alleluia.*

You are ev'rything You've promised; Your faithfulness is true.  
We're desp'rate for Your presence; all we need is You.

We will wait for You, Lord,  
In step with You, Lord. We sing alleluia.

Singing: alleluia; alleluia.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMER KIDS MINISTRY:** Expanded Sunday morning activities for kids through Grade 5 will resume next Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Today the Nursery Room will be open (but not staffed) for the convenience of parents who want to rock, change, or stay with their smallest children in that space. Next Sunday (and continuing weekly) at 10am, kids from 0 - 4 years can join our Summer Wonderland program in the Nursery/Toddler area. Kids from 5 years - Grade 5 can again join our Summer Kids Place program next week. Today, kids of all ages are welcome to remain with their families in the main worship service. Our 'Family Worship 15' will continue through the summer at 9am. For questions or more information, contact: Anne Weiland ([anne@valleysprings.org](mailto:anne@valleysprings.org)).

**WOMEN'S GATHERINGS:** Women are gathering in small, informal groups to foster community. Find a time and location that work for you: [valleysprings.org/women](http://valleysprings.org/women) Contact: Kara Miedema ([karamiedema@gmail.com](mailto:karamiedema@gmail.com)).

**SUMMER PARK DATES:** Join other Valley Springs' moms for fellowship and playtime for our kids. 9am-10:30am on July 6<sup>th</sup> (Royer Park), July 13<sup>th</sup> (Maidu Regional Park), July 20<sup>th</sup> (Hillsborough Park), July 27<sup>th</sup> (Central Park), and August 3<sup>rd</sup> (Madera Park). Contact: Kara Miedema ([karamiedema@gmail.com](mailto:karamiedema@gmail.com)).

**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](http://www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org) or contact Danya Schulte: [danya@valleysprings.org](mailto:danya@valleysprings.org) / (916) 786-7940 x106.

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