

August 27, 2023

REJOICE

celebrate the savior

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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| General Offering: Aug 14 - Aug 20 | \$ 13,131 |
| Weekly Budget Need..... | \$ 26,500 |
| Last Week's Deficit..... | (\$ 13,369) |
| Budget Deficit (YTD)..... | (\$217,548) |

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **49.6%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **46.8%** of our budget by this time in the year.

GIVE NOW



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READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

² Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

- Psalm 100:1-2 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

(*Words & Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend, 2007*)

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice;

O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age, "Our God is all in all."

SONGS

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

(Words: Thomas O. Chisholm / Music: William M. 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 hast 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!

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹²For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: ¹³transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

- Isaiah 59:12-13 *(English Standard Version)*

DECLARATION OF GRACE

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

- Isaiah 55:6-7 *(English Standard Version)*

SONGS

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

(Words and Music by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse)

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

COMPASSION HYMN

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

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost;
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again;
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion!
Each day we live, an off'ring of praise
As we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calv'ry and gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suff'ring and carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

- 1 Peter 5:1-5 (*English Standard Version*)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What things come to mind when you hear the word, "leadership"?
- More specifically, what negative memories do you associate with the word?
- Think of one positive example of leadership and one negative example.
- What impact can a negative example of leadership have on someone?
- What impact can a positive example of leadership have on someone?
- In what areas of life are you looked to as an example of "leadership"? How did Jesus lead? Look at John 13:1-17 as you reflect on this question.

SERMON OUTLINE

True Leadership

1 Peter 5:1-5

Often we associate the word "leader" with a position one has where others serve them. However, we have seen time and time again the failures of those in leadership, with abuse and scandal overwhelming those who have held positions of authority in our world. To begin the final chapter of the letter, the Apostle Peter flips our model of leadership on its head. In this passage he teaches us three things about what true leadership is:

True leadership is other-centered (1 Peter 5:1-3; Philippians 2:5-8)

True leadership involves tears (1 Peter 5:1-3; Acts 20:28-31)

Jesus is our True Leader (1 Peter 5:4-5; John 13:1-17)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

“The authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but love, not force but example, not coercion but reasoned persuasion. Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those who humble themselves to serve.”

- John Stott

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.

- Philippians 2:5-8 (*English Standard Version*)

²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

- Acts 20:28-31 (*English Standard Version*)

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

- John 13:1-17 (*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)

SONGS

IN CHRIST ALONE

(Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2002)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: New Bible studies for women begin the week of September 6th. We will be studying the book of James. For more info, check out valleysprings.org/women.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Saturday morning Men's Bible study resumes on September 16th. This fall, we will be studying "Knowing God" by J. I. Packer every Saturday from 7:30am to 9am in the Youth Room. For more info, check out valleysprings.org/men.

MEN'S FALL KICK-OFF BBQ: Valley Springs Men's Ministry is kicking off their fall study with a BBQ on September 9th, 4pm, at Dane Sincere's house (6295 Rustic Hills Drive). This is a great opportunity to invite your brother, father, cousin, friend, coworker, etc. Children are welcome to attend and join in the fun! There will be a pool, so don't forget your swimsuit.

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 or contact Danya Schulte: danya@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7670.

STAY CONNECTED: Want to connect with Valley Springs throughout the week? Follow us on social media! We are on Facebook (@ValleySpringsChurch) and Instagram (@vsproseville). We also have community groups that you can connect with! If you need help getting connected, please reach out to Dana Allred (dana@valleysprings.org). Dana is our Coordinator of Connection and she would love to help you find fellowship.

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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