

February 19, 2023

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CALL TO WORSHIP

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

- Revelation 21:3-4 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

(Words and Music by George Job Elvey, Godfrey Thring, and Matthew Bridges)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own!
Awake my soul and sing, of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King, through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye, at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heave'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n, from yonder glorious throne,
To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime!
All hail Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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."

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

- Psalm 34:13-15 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. ...

¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. ¹¹Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

- Psalm 32:6, 10-11 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

BROKEN VESSELS (AMAZING GRACE)

(Words and Music by Joel Houston and Jonas Myrin, 2014)

All these pieces broken and scattered,
In mercy gathered, mended and whole.
Empty handed but not forsaken.
I've been set free, I've been set free.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
Oh, I once was lost but now I am found.
Was blind but now I see.

*Oh, I can see You now,
Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes.
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.*

You take our failure, you take our weakness.
You set Your treasure in jars of clay.
So take this heart, Lord, I'll be Your vessel.
The world to see Your life in me, oh.

HERE IS LOVE

(Words by William Rees; adaptation, additional words, and music by Steve & Vikki Cook, 2003)

Here is love, wide as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide,
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above;
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

*Oh, how marvelous, oh, how glorious,
Is my Savior's love for me!*

Of your fullness, You are pouring Your great love on me anew,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to You.
You alone will be my glory. Nothing in the world I see.
You have cleansed and sanctified me. You, Yourself have set me free.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

- John 17:20-26 (*English Standard Version*)

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

- When you consider love, where have you felt love most personally? From whom? How was it expressed? How was it shared?
- Jesus makes several exclusive claims in John 17:20-26. Can you name some of them?
- Can you identify some of the implications of Jesus' prayer in John 17:24? What does it mean that God is both Righteous and Father?
- How is prayer a reflection of your heart's desire? What desires do you see flowing out from the heart of Jesus in John 17?
- Do you believe God answers the prayer of Jesus? Looking back over John 17, what would an answer to this prayer of Jesus look like for you? In your relationship with God? In your relationship with others? In your relationship with creation?

SERMON OUTLINE

A Prayer of Love

John 17:20-26

Jesus' prayer to his Righteous Father springs forth from the love they share...

(John 17:24-26)

What would God have his disciples know about this love?

The knowledge of this love is not known generally by the world...

(John 17:25-26; John 8:48-59)

The knowledge of this love is revealed through Jesus Christ... *(John 17:25-26)*

The knowledge of this love is extended to all disciples... *(John 17:25-26)*

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”
- Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (English Standard Version)

Q 98: What is prayer?

A: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

- *The Shorter Catechism of Westminster Confession of Faith*

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

- John 8:48-59 (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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Valley Springs will be closed Monday, February 20th, in observance of Presidents Day.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS: Everyone is invited for a shared meal each Wednesday night in February. Join us any Wednesday, at 6pm, in the Worship Room.

LENTEN SERVICES: Join us Wednesdays at noon for a special service as we prepare and anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Begins Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and continues through Holy Week, in the Chapel.

AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We're looking for people to help with various things for the auction: cooks, kitchen cleanup, beverage team, help sell raffle tickets, greet and help with item pickup/checkout. If you're interested, contact Isaac Noschka (isaac@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7940 x140).

AUCTION YFC SNACK DRIVE: We're partnering with YFC to donate snacks and drinks for their ministry sites on and off campuses. YFC is looking for individually packed snacks like: chips, granola bars, fruit snacks, bottled water, Gatorade, etc. Snacks can be dropped off at the church office starting next Sunday, February 26th through Sunday, March 5th.

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.

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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