

ALIVE
in
CHRIST

A photograph of a wooden cross with a white cloth draped over it. The cross is made of dark, weathered wood. A white, sheer fabric is draped over the horizontal beam of the cross, hanging down on both sides. The background consists of dark green evergreen trees and a clear blue sky. The text 'ALIVE' is written in a large, white, serif font at the top left. Below it, the word 'in' is written in a smaller, white, cursive font. At the bottom, the word 'CHRIST' is written in a large, white, serif font, matching 'ALIVE'. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship

Based on 1 Peter 1:3-5 from the Worship Sourcebook, 629

Songs of Praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer of Adoration

Worship Sourcebook, 630

RENEWED BY GOD THROUGH GRACE

Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 54b-57

Songs of Renewal & Gratitude

Jerusalem

I Stand Amazed

SET APART BY GOD

Children's Message

Offering

Sermon

SENT BY GOD

Sabbatical Sending for Brad & Dana Anderson

Song of Response

How Great Thou Art

Blessing

General Offering: March 22 - March 28.....\$ 25,916

Weekly Budget Need\$ 26,808

Last Week's Deficit(\$ 892)

Budget Deficit (YTD)(\$ 90,933)

This information can also be found at valleysprings.org

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

PEOPLE: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PASTOR: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

PASTOR: God has claimed us as his own.

PEOPLE: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

PASTOR: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

PEOPLE: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have been wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves...

DECLARATION OF GRACE

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ... ^{54b} "Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 54b-57 (*English Standard Version*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Question 50:

What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

Answer:

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 - But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

- Luke 24:36-49 (*English Standard Version*)

REFLECTION QUOTES

"Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel."

- The Apostle Paul, 2 Timothy 2:8 (*English Standard Version*)

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.

- Luke 24:5b-7 (*English Standard Version*)

SERMON OUTLINE

Grace and Peace To You

Luke 24:36-49

Peace comes as a surprise... (Luke 24:36-37)

What surprises us about the way Jesus continues to speak peace into our lives today?

Peace is spoken into our fears... (Luke 24:37-38)

Peace is spoken into our doubts... (Luke 24:39-40)

Peace is spoken into our unbelieving joy... (Luke 24:41)

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

- What favorite slogan or “pep” talk do you recall from your mentors (parents, coach, music teacher, etc.)? How were you treated when you blew it?
- How is “peace be with you” a good summary of the gospel?
- Why are the disciples having such difficulty believing? Why was it necessary for the disciples to see that Jesus was not a ghost?
- What interpretation from Jesus helps them to believe?
- What task does he give to them? With what promise? How must they have felt?
- Why do the disciples react so differently to Jesus being taken away now (Luke 24:50-53) compared to when he was taken away by the crucifixion?
- Why is it important to you that Jesus’ mission was anticipated far beforehand in the Old Testament? What Old Testament hopes for the Messiah are especially significant for you?
- In light of your circumstances, where is the “mission field” Jesus has sent you? Who are some of the people in that “field”? How might you be a witness to them by your *life*? By your *words*?

SONGS

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY (HE IS NOT DEAD)

(Words and Music by Charles Wesley, Kurtis Parks, and Samuel Arnold, 2014)

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia; sons of men and angels say, alleluia.
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia; sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia.
Lives again our glorious King, alleluia; where, oh death, is now thy sting, alleluia.
Dying once He all doth save, alleluia; where thy victory, oh grave, alleluia.

*He is not dead, He is alive;
We have this hope, in Jesus Christ.*

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia; fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia.
Death, in vain, forbids Him rise, alleluia; Christ has opened paradise, alleluia.

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia; following our exalted Head, alleluia.
Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia; ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia.

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 life who triumphed o'er the grave,
And 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 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.

JERUSALEM *(Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Kleyn, 2014)*

See Him in Jerusalem, walking where the crowds are.
Once these streets had sung to Him, now they cry for murder.
Such a frail and lonely Man, holding up the heavy cross.
See Him walking in Jerusalem on the road to save us.

See Him there upon the hill, hear the scorn and laughter.
Silent as a lamb He waits, praying to the Father.
See the king who made the sun, and the moon and shining stars.
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down, so that he could save them.

See Him there upon the cross, now no longer breathing.
Dust that formed the watching crowds, takes the blood of Jesus.
Feel the earth is shaking now, see the veil is split in two.
And He stood before the wrath of God, shielding sinners with His blood.

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SONGS

See the empty tomb today, death could not contain Him.
Once the Servant of the world now in victory reigning.
Lift your voices to the One, who is seated on the throne.
See Him in the New Jerusalem, praise the One who saved us!

I STAND AMAZED *(Words & Music by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel; arranged by Chris Tomlin)*

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.

*How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me.*

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own,
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone
And with the ransom'd in glory, His face I at last shall see.
It will be my joy through the ages, to sing of His love for me.

HOW GREAT THOU ART *(Words and Music by Stuart Wesley Keene Hine)*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed!

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Beginning Sunday, April 11th (the Sunday after Easter) we are shifting our service times in order to prepare for warmer weather, and the expanded opportunity to use our building. Gospel Formation will continue at 9am, livestreamed as usual, and now also open for in-person attendance in the Chapel. Ignition (middle school) and U4IC (high school) will gather for "The Breakfast Club" in the Youth Room from 9am-9:45am. They'll study God's word and eat breakfast together before attending the worship service. At 9:15am, our "Family Worship Fifteen" will meet in a slightly expanded format. At 10am, we will all gather together for worship on the back lawn and via livestream. Don't forget to arrive a little early to grab a drink from "On Site Coffee", open every Sunday morning!

PARK DATES: Join other Valley Springs' moms for fellowship and playtime for our kids. Mondays from 3pm-5pm on April 12th (Maidu Park) and May 10th (Royer Park).

MEN'S MINISTRY: All Valley Springs men are invited for breakfast, Saturday, April 10th, 8am, on the Basketball Court. The Saturday men's Bible study begins 33theseries: Volume 2 on April 17th, 7:30am. Registration and more info at: valleysprings.org/men.

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!

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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