


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" and "CHRIST" are in a bold, serif font, while "in" is in a cursive script. 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

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Call to Worship

Psalm 57:9-11

Songs of Praise

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SENT BY GOD

Song of Response

All Things Together

Blessing

General Offering: June 28 - July 4.....	\$ 19,027
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 26,808
Last Week's Deficit	(\$ 7,781)
Budget Deficit (YTD)	(\$ 218,550)

This information can also be found at valleysprings.org

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

⁹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

¹⁰For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

¹¹Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!

- Psalm 57:9-11 (English Standard Version)

SONGS

GOD OF WONDERS (Words and Music by Mac Powell and Steve Hindalong, 2000)

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me, Father hold me, hold me.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy.*

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

(Words: Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth, addt'l. lyrics by Christy & Nathan Nockels /
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Let all who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been.
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

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SONGS

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! ²¹ Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight! ²² Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink, ²³ who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right!

²⁴ Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom go up like dust; for they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

- Isaiah 5:20-24 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹³ Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. ¹⁴ Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always...

- Proverbs 28:13-14a (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

(Words & Music by Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker, 2013)

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

THE GOODNESS OF JESUS

(Words and Music by Michael Farren, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson)

Come you weary heart now to Jesus; come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears, rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied he is all that I need
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer; come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again. Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus; He is all he said he would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart. Rest here in His wondrous peace.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

⁷Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹²Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

- Colossians 4:7-18 (*English Standard Version*)

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

- How has God shown you His grace in your life?
- How have you failed to live with gratitude in response to what God has done for you?
- What might your life look like if you were to live with gratitude in response to what God has done?
- Although the theological themes of this letter are cosmic, the application is always personal and relational. How connected are you to the struggles and lives of real people? Or is your Christianity more a matter of head knowledge and theology only?
- Paul's description of his friends focus on their hard work and service for the gospel. How can we encourage one another to persevere in our service of the Lord, his people, and those who do not yet know him?
- How would you sum up Colossians as a whole? Write a single sentence that captures its theme.

SERMON OUTLINE

Grace, Gratitude, Graciousness

Colossians 4:7-18

Because God has given us grace... (Colossians 4:7-17)

...we can now live with gratitude... (Colossians 4:7-17)

...and we are called to be gracious to one another... (Colossians 4:18)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

- Colossians 1:2 (*English Standard Version*)

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

- Colossians 1:15-20 (*English Standard Version*)

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Colossians 3:16-17 (*English Standard Version*)

READINGS

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)

SONGS

ALL THINGS TOGETHER (Words and Music by Andrew Peterson, 2018)

He's the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation.
And by him all things were created, in heaven and earth, seen and unseen.
Rulers, dominions, and powers and kings.

He holds all things, all things, all things together.

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He's the head of the body, the church, the firstborn from the dead.
So in ev'rything, He is the head,
And the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in him;
To reconcile to himself all things, all things, all things together.

Through him and for him, all things were made.

Through him and for him, all things were made.

He is before all things, in Him, all things hold together.

He made peace, He made peace, He made peace by the blood of his cross.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL PAYDOWN CAMPAIGN: After the recent refinance of our building's mortgage, Valley Springs is offering an opportunity to contribute to the reduction of the mortgage principal. We would like to make a one-time payment on the principal on July 31st and decrease the life of the mortgage. A generous donor has offered to match any contributions up to \$20,000 through the end of the month. If you'd like to participate, make a donation with the notation "Mortgage Principal Pay Down" before July 31st. Questions? Ask Christian Savage (christian@valleysprings.org) or anyone on the Generosity Team (Dana Allred, Deron Allred, Dane Sincere, or Bret McIntosh).

SUMMER KIDS MINISTRY: Expanded Sunday morning activities for kids through Grade 5. 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 join our Summer Kids Place program this week. Our 'Family Worship 15' will continue through the summer at 9am. For questions or more information, contact: Anne Weiland (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 Contact: Kara Miedema (karamiedema@gmail.com).

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

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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Valley Springs Presbyterian Church is an intergenerational community of grace, learning to love God, and serve our world, together.

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