

July 16, 2023

REJOICE

celebrate the savior

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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PLEDGE CARD UPDATE

Increase Monthly Giving\$ 6,206.33

One-Time Special Gifts.....\$ 39,150.00

Largest Potential Financial Impact..... \$ 300,000

The pledge cards are designed to help the Session know where adjustments to the current plan need to be made. We are asking that pledge cards be turned in by August 1st.

If you have any questions, please email info@valleysprings.org or connect with an Elder/Generosity Team Member.

GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to
(669) 333-5880

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

- Psalm 95:1-3 (English Standard Version)

SONGS

LORD MOST HIGH

(Words and Music by Don Harris and Gary Sadler, 1996)

From the ends of the earth,
From the depths of the sea,
From the heights of the heavens
Your name be praised;
From the hearts of the weak,
From the shouts of the strong,
From the lips of all people
This song we raise, Lord.

*Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High;
Exalted in every nation,
Sovereign of all creation, Lord Most High, be magnified.*

SONGS

YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE

(Words and Music by David Ruis, 1991)

I will worship with all of my heart.
I will praise You with all of my strength.
I will seek You all of my days.
I will follow all of Your ways.

*I will give You all my worship,
I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.*

I will bow down and hail You as King.
I will serve You, give You everything.
I will lift up my eyes to Your throne.
I will trust You, trust You alone.

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹⁶ There are six things that the Lord hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:
¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,
¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,
¹⁹ a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.

- Proverbs 6:16-19 (English Standard Version)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹ Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.

- Psalm 125:1-2 (English Standard Version)

SONGS

MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

(Words & Music by Graham Kendrick, Keith Getty, and Kristyn Getty)

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer. Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die; fame youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

(Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren, 2018)

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- 1 Peter 2:13:25 (*English Standard Version*)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- What is the image of God? How does humanity bear it? How does every human being, no matter their station in life, deserve to be treated?
- When Jesus refused to lead a revolution against Rome, some abandoned him. Read John 18:28-40. What do you observe about the way Jesus honors those with worldly authority and roles to carry out? Read Matthew 19:13-15. How does Jesus show honor to the children?
- How does goodness silence evil?
- Describe a situation where it was difficult for you to honor someone. Why was that the case for you?
- Describe the various ways Jesus submitted himself to humanity. How did his prior submission to God the Father and to the Holy Spirit enable this submission to humanity?

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

But why should Peter remind them of their status? To be sure, he would have them exercise their priesthood in praising the Lord who bought them; but he has another reason. He would prepare them for lowly service. Just because they are God's royal people they can be servants. The example of Jesus is already before Peter, although he does not yet mention it directly. Knowing who he was, and what he came to do, Jesus could subject himself to people. He came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Called as children of the light, Christians are free. Their freedom, however, binds them to their calling. They are free in bondage to God. They know what it means to fear God in his presence. They are free to love their fellow Christians. The dark blindness of sinful selfishness is gone; they are free to love. They are also free to honor unbelievers as God's creatures, and to respect the role of authority given to each one.

- Edmund Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter* (p. 99-100)

If there is no standard for values outside of society, there can be no true liberty in social policy. Peter proclaims liberty in Christ. Because our liberty is under God there is an objective standard of value. But our liberty is not under an abstract deity. It is under the true and living God. It could be no liberty at all if Christ had not died to set us free and to proclaim liberty in the jubilee time of God's favor.

- Edmund Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter* (p. 100)

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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

SUMMER PARK PLAY DATES: Join the moms and kiddos of Valley Springs for fellowship and playtime. The next play date is Tuesday, July 18th, 9am at Madera Park in Citrus Heights.

FRONT PORCH DINER (MEXICO RECAP): Not everyone gets to go to Mexico, but everyone can enjoy the post-Mexico Trip Front Porch Diner! Come join us on Sunday, July 23rd after service as we hear about the Mexico Missions Trip and enjoy some delicious food. Sign up online (www.valleysprings.org) to let us know what dish you're bringing.

WORK DAY: Help us take care of some necessary tasks around our facility! On Saturday, August 5th, 9am-11am, we could use some help with a few projects inside and outside our building. We'll be painting, cleaning, and taking care of a few other odds and ends! Good work clothes are recommended; we'll provide any necessary tools. Contact: Isaac Noschka (isaac@valleysprings.org).

STAY CONNECTED: Want to connect with Valley Springs throughout the week? Follow us on social media! We are on Facebook (@ValleySpringsChurch) and Instagram (@vspcroseville). 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.

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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