

JULY 3, 2022

PRAYERS
*from
the* OLD
TESTAMENT

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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General Offering: June 20 - June 26	\$ 25,839
Weekly Budget Need	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Deficit	(\$ 661)
Budget Deficit (YTD)	(\$ 196,056)

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **35.8%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **39.0%** of our budget by this time in the year.

\$44,441 would bring us up to average.

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
- ⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.
- ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

- Psalm 86:8-12 (English Standard Version)

SONGS

THAT'S WHY WE PRAISE HIM

(Words and Music by Tommy Walker, 1999)

He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the living word, our light.
He came to die so we'd be reconciled:
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

*That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing;
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His ev'rything.*

He came to live, live again in us;
He came to be our conquering King and friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;
He came to go prepare a place for us.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

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SONGS

THE LION AND THE LAMB

(Words and Music by Benton Brown, Brian Johnson, and Leeland Mooring, 2015)

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles.
And ev'ry knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains.
And ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Ev'ry knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)?

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

³⁰ "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

- Ezekiel 18:30-32 *(English Standard Version)*

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

- Romans 6:14 *(English Standard Version)*

SONGS

GOODNESS OF GOD

(Words and Music by Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, and Jenn Johnson, 2018)

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

*All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

*Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.*

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

(Words and Music by Horatio Gates Spafford & Philip Paul Bliss)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well with my soul, it is well,
It is well with my soul.*

My sin O, the bliss of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part, but the whole;
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³ and said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; ²⁴ you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ²⁵ Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶ Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.” ...

³¹ “If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath and comes and swears his oath before your altar in this house, ³² then hear in heaven and act and judge your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing his conduct on his own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding him according to his righteousness.

³³ “When your people Israel are defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against you, and if they turn again to you and acknowledge your name and pray and plead with you in this house, ³⁴ then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them again to the land that you gave to their fathers.

³⁵ “When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, if they pray toward this place and acknowledge your name and turn from their sin, when you afflict them, ³⁶ then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk, and grant rain upon your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.

³⁷ “If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence or blight or mildew or locust or caterpillar, if their enemy besieges them in the land at their gates, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is, ³⁸ whatever prayer, whatever plea is made by any man or by all your people Israel, each knowing the affliction of his own heart and stretching out his hands toward this house, ³⁹ then hear in heaven your dwelling place and forgive and act and render to each whose heart you know, according to all his ways (for you, you only, know the hearts of all the children of mankind), ⁴⁰ that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our fathers.

⁴¹ “Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name’s sake ⁴² (for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³ hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name.

⁴⁴ “If your people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to the Lord toward the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, ⁴⁵ then hear in heaven their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause.

⁴⁶ “If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near, ⁴⁷ yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors, saying, ‘We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,’ ⁴⁸ if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, ⁴⁹ then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause ⁵⁰ and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions that they have committed against you, and grant them compassion in the sight of those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them ⁵¹ (for they are your people, and your heritage, which you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace). ⁵² Let your eyes be open to the plea of your servant and to the plea of your people Israel, giving ear to them whenever they call to you. ⁵³ For you separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be your heritage, as you declared through Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.”

SERMON OUTLINE

King Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

1 Kings 8:12-53

The temple pictured a special place of reconciliation at a special season in time... (1 Kings 8:22-26)

What did Solomon pray upon the dedication of this special place of reconciliation?

Please reconcile the neighborhood when neighbors sin against one another... (1 Kings 8:31-32)

Please reconcile the ill effects of striving nations... (1 Kings 8:33-40)

- Exile
- Drought
- Famine

Please reconcile the nations according to your word... (1 Kings 8:41-43)

Please hear the prayers of sinners (all have sinned) living in exile...
(1 Kings 8:44-53)

READINGS

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

- Have you ever prayed a prayer of dedication? What did you pray?
- Why might it be important to distinguish between the idea of God dwelling in the temple vs. God's name dwelling in the temple? What does this teach us about God's presence?
- Which of God's promises has Solomon seen fulfilled already? (1 Kings 8:22-24) What promises does he hope to see fulfilled in the future? (1 Kings 8:25-26)
- What does Solomon pray for in 1 Kings 8:31-53? Consider the physical context of Solomon's prayer and also those in attendance at this special event. What sober realities are in the foreground of this prayer? What remedy is central in Solomon's prayer?
- What does Solomon's body language say about his ideas of God? Why does Solomon change body posture half way through this prayer? What posture do you normally assume when you pray? Have you ever tried to pray from a different posture, facing a specific-symbolic direction? What have you experienced as helpful? Not so helpful? Why?

REFLECTION QUOTES

Dear God,
I am so afraid to open my clenched fists!
Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to?
Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands?
Please help me to gradually open my hands and to discover
that I am not what I own, but what you want to give me.
And what you want to give me is love—unconditional, everlasting love.
Amen.

- Henri Nouwen, *With Open Hands Life* (p. 21)

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, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

SUMMER PARK DATES: Join other Valley Springs moms for fellowship and playtime for our kids. 9am-10:30am on July 5th (Royer Park), July 12th (Mahany Park), July 19th (Hillsborough Park), July 26th (Maidu Regional Park), and August 2nd (Madera Park). Contact: Kara Miedema (karamiedema@gmail.com).

OPEN HOUSE FOR THE ESSWEIN'S: Come say "goodbye" to the Esswein family as they transition to RUF ministry in Arizona. Sunday, July 10th from 4pm-8pm at the Whiddon's house (245 Mt. Tamalpais Dr, Roseville). Includes "real" BBQ!

WOMEN'S SUMMER NIGHTS: Join other women from Valley Springs for an opportunity to enjoy time together at Sienna Restaurant (1480 Eureka Road, Roseville). Meet on the front patio at 5pm on Wednesday, July 13th for happy hour.

FAMILY MEXICO LUNCH: Help us welcome home our Family Mexico team with a potluck lunch. After church on Sunday, July 24th at 11:30am. Sign up at www.valleysprings.org to bring your favorite side dish!

WE'RE HIRING: Valley Springs is looking to fill several part-time staff positions. These include Preschool Assistant Teacher (M-Th 8:30am-12:30pm) and Administrative Assistant (M-F flexible daytime). Qualifications and requirements vary by position, inquire for details. To apply, contact: Christian Savage (christian@valleysprings.org).

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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