

September 3, 2023

# REJOICE

*celebrate the savior*

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Songs of Praise

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Prayer of Adoration

## RENEWED BY GOD THROUGH GRACE

Confession of Sin

Isaiah 64:5-7

Declaration of Grace

Isaiah 59:21

Songs of Renewal & Gratitude

*Jesus Paid It All*

*It Is Well with My Soul*

## SET APART BY GOD

Offering

Sermon

The Lord's Supper

Profession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

## SENT BY GOD

Song of Response

*The Lion and the Lamb*

Blessing

<b>General Offering: Aug 21 - Aug 27 .....</b>	<b>\$ 37,816</b>
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Surplus.....	\$ 11,316
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$206,232)

**How are we doing?**

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **52.3%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **48.7%** of our budget by this time in the year.

### GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to  
(669) 333-5880

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# READINGS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

- Psalm 103:1-5 (*English Standard Version*)

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# SONGS

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## BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

*(Words and Music by Matt & Beth Redman, 2002)*

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name, when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your glorious name.*

Blessed be your name, when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's as it should be, blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

You give and take away, you give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.

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## 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

*(Words & Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, 2011)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

- Isaiah 64:5-7 (*English Standard Version*)

## DECLARATION OF GRACE

<sup>21</sup>"And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the Lord, "from this time forth and forevermore."

- Isaiah 59:21 (*English Standard Version*)

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## JESUS PAID IT ALL

(Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865 / Music: John T. Grape, 1868 / Bridge: Alex Nifong, 2006)

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.*

*Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Oh praise the one who paid my debt,  
Who raised this life up from the dead.

## 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.

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## SCRIPTURE

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- 1 Peter 5:6-11 (*English Standard Version*)

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What situations and relationships in your life are the most difficult places for you to believe that the "Gospel works"?
- Would you say that you are more susceptible to pride or to anxiety? What would others say about you?
- How is pride an obstacle to believing the gospel? How does it make someone vulnerable to the devil's attack?
- How is anxiety an obstacle to believing the gospel? How does it make someone vulnerable to the devil's attack?
- Read John 21:15-19. How did Jesus "restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish" Peter after Satan "sifted him like wheat"?

# SERMON OUTLINE

## Grace Under Pressure

*1 Peter 5:6-11*

**Purpose** (1 Peter 1:3-13)

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**Pressure** (1 Peter 5:6-9)

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**Provision** (1 Peter 5:10-11)

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# — REFLECTION QUOTES —

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup>inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

- 1 Peter 1:3-13 (*English Standard Version*)



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## PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*Although not written by the apostles, the Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.*

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)

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# SONGS

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## 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)?

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# NOTES

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:** New Bible studies for women begin this week! We will be studying the book of James. For more info, check out [valleysprings.org/women](http://valleysprings.org/women).

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Our Saturday morning Men's Bible study resumes on September 16<sup>th</sup>. This fall, we will be studying "Knowing God" by J. I. Packer every Saturday from 7:30am to 9am in the Youth Room. For more info, check out [valleysprings.org/men](http://valleysprings.org/men).

**MEN'S FALL KICK-OFF BBQ:** Valley Springs Men's Ministry is kicking off their fall study with a BBQ on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, at Dane Sincere's house (6295 Rustic Hills Drive). This is a great opportunity to invite your brother, father, cousin, friend, coworker, etc. Children are welcome to attend and join in the fun! There will be a pool, so don't forget your swimsuit.

**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](http://www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org) or contact Danya Schulte: [danya@valleysprings.org](mailto:danya@valleysprings.org) / (916) 786-7670.

**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](mailto:dana@valleysprings.org)). Dana is our Coordinator of Connection and she would love to help you find fellowship.

*For more information, visit [www.valleysprings.org](http://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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