

August 13, 2023

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PLEDGE CARD UPDATE

Increase Monthly Giving\$ 6,256.33

One-Time Special Gifts\$ 51,150.00

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. There will be an update on the expected financial impact of the Pastoral transition on August 27th.

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

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READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

¹The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
²Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. ³Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. ⁴His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. ⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- Psalm 97:1-6 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE

(*Words and Music by Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty, 2002*)

There is a higher throne than all this world has known;
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace: Salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing. Their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'erald courts and sapphire skies, their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks and honor are
To God, our King, who reigns on high, forever more.*

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye, as thirst and hunger die;
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King: we'll reign with Him.

GLORIOUS

(*Words and Music by Bob Kauflin, David Zimmer, and Nathan Stiff*)

You slept beneath the stars You named and numbered,
Were tempted in a desert You designed.
You faithfully obeyed the law You authored.
The King left His throne behind.

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SONGS

You washed the feet of those who called You Master,
And fed the multitudes with truth and bread.
You shared the feast with harlots and with sinners,
And loved those who sought Your death.

*Glorious, Lord, You are glorious.
Shepherd and King, forever You'll be glorious.*

Without a word You faced the accusations,
And joyfully You bore the bitter cross.
The innocent received our condemnation
And paid for the rebel's cost.

*Glorious, Lord, You are glorious.
Shepherd and King, forever You'll be glorious.
Holy and here with us.
Let every heart declare that You are glorious.*

Beneath the earth You fashioned You were buried.
The Word of Life was silenced by the grave.
But doors of death could not contain Your glory.
Our God rolled the stone away.

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

- Isaiah 53:4-6 (English Standard Version)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

- Isaiah 6:6-8 (English Standard Version)

SONGS

GIVE US YOUR HEART

(Words and Music by People & Songs, 2016)

Your eyes are on the lowly, though others look away;
Your feet run to the broken, Your hands are quick to save;
Make us like You Lord.

You walk with the forgotten, and offer them a home,
Adopting the unwanted, and calling them Your own;
Make us like You Lord.

*O give us Your heart, o give us Your heart.
Let the light of heaven shine, as we step into the dark.
O give us Your heart, o give us Your heart.
All to see Your kingdom come and death depart.
O give us Your heart, o give us Your heart.*

Let justice flow like a river in the desert,
Let the nations know that You will reign forever.
As the earth beholds the glory of the Savior,
Let justice flow.

HERE IS LOVE

(Words by William Rees; adaptation, additional words, and music by Steve & Vikki Cook, 2003)

Here is love, wide as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide,
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above;
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

*Oh, how marvelous, oh, how glorious,
Is my Savior's love for me!*

Of your fullness, You are pouring Your great love on me anew,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to You.
You alone will be my glory. Nothing in the world I see.
You have cleansed and sanctified me. You, Yourself have set me free.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹ Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³ For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- 1 Peter 4:1-11 (*English Standard Version*)

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

- What do you think when you hear the word "hospitality"?
- Do you associate any memories with the word "hospitality"? What memories come to mind?
- Who do you know in your family that you would describe as hospitable?
- Who do you know at Valley Springs that you would describe as hospitable?
- When you are the one hosting, what makes hospitality difficult?
- Spend a few minutes reflecting on how often Jesus' ministry was spent over a meal with others. Why would He do this? How can we do something like this today?

SERMON OUTLINE

The Hospitality of God

1 Peter 4:1-11

“Hospitality” is one of Scripture’s central themes. When we think of being hospitable however, our minds often run to a picture of us hosting friends at our houses. Although this is a good thing, the hospitality of God goes far beyond that. God’s hospitality is reflected in the reality that He has willingly invited enemies to His table (you and I), and enemies that could never repay the wrong they have done.

In light of this reality, Peter helps us to see two things in this passage:

God has shown hospitality... (1 Peter 4:1-6; Matthew 9:10-13)

- He saw us outside...
- He brought us in...

We are to show hospitality... (1 Peter 4:7-11; Acts 16:31-34)

- We are to see others outside...
- We are to bring others in...

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

The superior revelation of the Father's will is in the Son, Jesus Christ. God did not shout His message down from heaven or from across the Jordan River. He entered our sphere, our environment, our cosmos.

- Harvey M. Conn, *Evangelism: Doing Justice and Preaching Grace* (p. 14)

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

- Matthew 9:10-13 (*English Standard Version*)

³¹And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

- Acts 16:31-34 (*English Standard Version*)

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)

SONGS

BLESSED ASSURANCE

(Words: Fanny Jane Crosby / Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

END OF SUMMER BASH: Summer may be ending, but our fun is just getting started! Join us for a (California) BBQ and our annual tank wars on Saturday, August 19th at 5 pm. Please plan to bring either a main dish and a side OR a main dish and a dessert.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: New Bible studies for women begin the week of September 6th. We will be studying the book of James. See the insert in today's bulletin for details, or check out valleysprings.org/women.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Saturday morning Men's Bible study resumes on September 16th. This fall, we will be studying "Knowing God" by J. I. Packer every Saturday from 7:30am to 9am in the Youth Room. See the insert in today's bulletin for details, or check out valleysprings.org/men.

THE GATHERING INN - CARE KITS: Our friends at *The Gathering Inn* have opened up an additional facility in Auburn for transitional housing. The Friday Bible Study will be putting together care kits for those in need on August 25th. Donations are needed of travel-sized hygiene/care items such as toothpaste, lip balm, hand wipes, bars of soap, bars of face wash, Kleenex packets, granola bars, and lotion. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk.

JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE: Our food pantry needs to be restocked! We need canned fruit, canned chicken, jelly, individually packaged snacks, baked beans, boxed pasta noodles, and soup. Drop off donations at the front desk.

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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