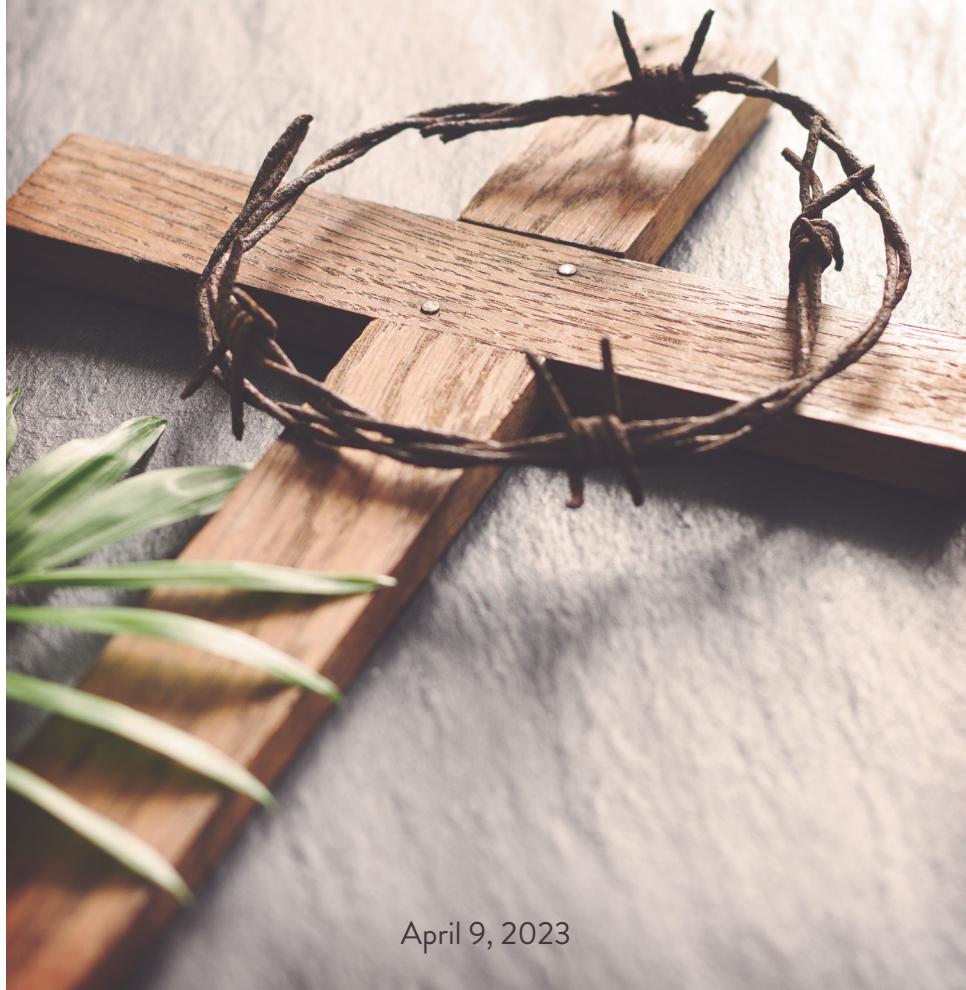


THE
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OF
God



April 9, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

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Songs of Praise

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Blessing

General Offering: Mar 27 - Apr 2	\$ 29,254
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Surplus.....	\$ 2,754
Budget Deficit (YTD)	(\$115,031)

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **18.6%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **20.1%** of our budget by this time in the year.

\$20,936 would bring us up to average.

GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to
(669) 333-5880

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

- Psalm 47:6-7 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

(Words and Music by Charles Wesley and Samuel Arnold, 2014)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died, our souls to save. Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!

Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head. Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

SONGS

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

(Words & Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend, 2007)

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age, "Our God is all in all."

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

- Psalm 51:1-4 *(English Standard Version)*

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

- Psalm 40:16 *(English Standard Version)*

SONGS

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

(Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2005)

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary;
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross!*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry!

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

*This the power of the cross; Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross!*

WHAT GRACE IS MINE

(Words and Music by Kristyn Getty, 2008)

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul,
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live, and in His name be known?

*So, I will go wherever He is calling me.
I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies.
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.*

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me?
Beneath His wings, my awakened soul may soar.
All fear can flee, for death's dark night is overcome:
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

- Isaiah 55 (*English Standard Version*)

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

- What is your favorite junk food? How would you feel if that were all you had available to eat?
- What is God’s message to the poor and to the rich in Isaiah 55:1-2?
- What is required of the exiles to receive this blessing from God?
- How would the exiles respond to the disparity in Isaiah 55:8-9? How might they have felt if the Lord had not reminded them of this?
- What is the expiration date of the covenant God is making with his people in Isaiah 55:3? What is its purpose in Isaiah 55:4-5?
- What does it mean to seek the Lord? (Isaiah 55:6-7) What promise is associated with doing so?
- How does the question in Isaiah 55:2 strike you? What things have you spent your resources or labor on that have ultimately proven to be unfulfilling?
- How are joy and peace related to God’s word? See Isaiah 55:10-12.
- On a scale of 1-10 (1 – not very aware; 10 – totally aware in every way), how aware are you regarding your spiritual hunger and thirst?

SERMON OUTLINE

The Compassion of God *Isaiah 55*

Come! The Lord is near. (Isaiah 55:1, 6-7)

Come, if you know that you are thirsty... (Isaiah 55:1, 12-13)

Come, if you know that you are hungry... (Isaiah 55:2-3a, 10-11)

Come, God has come near to you through his servant-son Jesus...
(Isaiah 55:3b-5, 8-9)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

- Jeremiah 15:16 (*English Standard Version*)

¹O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

³Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. ⁴So I will

bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; ⁷for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

- Psalm 63:1-7 (*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

IN CHRIST ALONE

(Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2002)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Congregational Meeting following service on Sunday, April 30th to vote on the recommendation of Matt Mobley to Associate Pastor. Voting must take place in person. Anyone may attend the Congregational Meeting, but only Communicant Members over the age of 18 are eligible to vote. Questions about voting eligibility or member status: Teresa Campbell (teresa@valleysprings.org).

MEET AND GREET: For new attenders of Valley Springs. Meet the pastors and other attenders in a casual setting. Join us after church on Sunday, April 30th at 12pm in the Middle School Room. Families welcome. Lunch will be provided. Questions? or to RSVP, contact Dana Allred (dana@valleysprings.org).

LADIES' TEA PARTY: Ladies of all ages are invited to a tea party on the back patio at Valley Springs (weather permitting). Saturday, May 6th at 4pm. This is a great opportunity to bring your grandmother, mother, daughter, sister, friend, or neighbor to this lovely afternoon out! Please RSVP to Kara Miedema: karamiedema@gmail.com.

RIDE MINISTRY: The Valley Springs' Ride Ministry provides transportation for Valley Springs church attendees who are not able to drive. Transportation is available for Sunday services, church events, and medical appointments depending on the availability of ministry volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or need a ride, please email info@valleysprings.org.

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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