

July 9, 2023

# REJOICE

*celebrate the savior*

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### PLEDGE CARD UPDATE

Increase Monthly Giving .....\$ 6,056.33

One-Time Special Gifts.....\$ 38,150.00

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.*

If you have any questions, please email [info@valleysprings.org](mailto:info@valleysprings.org) or connect with an Elder/Generosity Team Member.

### GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to  
(669) 333-5880

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# READINGS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

<sup>1</sup> It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup> to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night...

- Psalm 92:1-2 (English Standard Version)

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# SONGS

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## RISE

*(Words and Music by Kari Jobe and Matt Bronleewe)*

Lead us to You, show us Your mercy,  
Your majesty lifted up on high;  
It tells of Your goodness.

Your name is true, Your name is holy,  
Your splendor is written in the skies;  
It tells of Your greatness.

*We will rise to praise You, offer our lives before You,  
Let every nation, all of creation.  
We will rise; You are worthy.  
Lift up our eyes to Your glory,  
Let every nation, all of creation. We will rise.*

We stand in awe, You won the victory,  
Your enemies tremble at Your name; it speaks of Your triumph.  
You clothe the poor, You mend the broken,  
You heal our hearts, You take our shame; it speaks of Your kindness.

*We will cry out Your renown; You are the God who has saved us.  
We will rise to praise You. We lift a glorious sound;  
You are the one who redeemed us. We will rise to praise You.*

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# SONGS

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## **THIS IS AMAZING GRACE**

*(Words and Music by Jeremy Riddle and Phil Wickham, 2013)*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger,  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,  
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.  
You lay down your life that I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order,  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy, worthy, worthy!

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## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

<sup>1</sup>Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! <sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

- Psalm 143:1-2 (English Standard Version)

## **DECLARATION OF GRACE**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!  
<sup>2</sup>Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, <sup>3</sup>who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

- Psalm 119:1-3 (English Standard Version)

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# SONGS

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## MERCIFUL GOD

*(Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend, 2006)*

Merciful God, O abounding in love, faithful to all who draw near You,  
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart, showing the cross they may cling to.  
Helpless I come broken in sin, found at the feet of Your mercy.  
Father, forgive, may my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, O abounding in love, faithful though times we have failed You.  
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed, foolish in word and ungrateful.  
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts with love that flows from forgiveness;  
Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

Merciful God, O abounding in love, faithful to keep us from falling,  
Guiding our ways with Your fatherly heart, growing our faith with each testing.  
God speed the day struggles will end, faultless we'll gaze on Your glory;  
Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

## WONDERS

*(Words and Music by Bailey Wiebe and Dustin Smith)*

I created you to be My people;  
I called you My own, and said I'd be your God.  
I will never leave you or forsake you;  
I'm right where you are, I'm right where you are.

I have come to take off every limit;  
I need you to stand up in the fire.  
There's no power of darkness that can stop you  
When I'm by your side, when I'm by your side.

*I will do wonders among you;  
Now, let My healing surround you.  
Open your heart, open your heart.  
Through every trial I am stable;  
I will be nothing but faithful.  
I am your God, I am your God.*

Through every battle, in every fight,  
Through every fear in the darkest of nights  
I'll be there, I'll be there.  
Through every desert, in every storm,  
Through every hurt in the midst of the war.  
I'll be there, I'll be there.

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## SCRIPTURE

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

- 1 Peter 2:9-12 (*English Standard Version*)

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- Describe images of light and darkness. How do they interact with each other? How do you use light? Have you ever been afraid of the dark? Did you ever sleep with the light on?
- How is their new status with God to influence the way they live? (1 Peter 2:11-12)
- If you were a war correspondent reporting live from the front, how would you describe the war going on within yourself? (1 Peter 2:11)
- How does it make you feel to be chosen, royalty, and God's possession? When is it most difficult to remember what God has made you?
- *As a community of grace, the church must always be a safe place for sinners, but at the same time, the church can never be a safe place for sin.* What does this phrase mean to you in relation to Jesus Christ, light and darkness, grace and hope? Can you find places in the scripture to support your answer? You can begin with 1 Peter 2:9-12.

# SERMON OUTLINE

## A Community of Grace

1 Peter 2:9-12

*The community of grace exists in God's marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9-10)*

**Who is this community now?** (1 Peter 2:9-12)

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**Who was this community then?** (1 Peter 2:9-12)

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**How does this community live now and then?** (1 Peter 2:9-12)

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# — REFLECTION QUOTES —

We enter into solitude first of all to meet our Lord and to be with Him and Him alone. Only in the context of grace can we face our sin; only in the place of healing do we dare to show our wounds; only with a single-minded attention to Christ can we give up our clinging fears and face our own true nature. Solitude is a place where Christ remodels us in his own image and frees us from the victimizing compulsions of the world.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Way of the Heart: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers* (p. 17)

<sup>6</sup>“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, <sup>10</sup>and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. <sup>11</sup>You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.”

- Deuteronomy 7:6-11 (*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)





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMER PARK PLAY DATES:** Join the moms and kiddos of Valley Springs for fellowship and playtime. The next play date is Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 9am at Maidu Regional Park in Roseville.

**WOMEN'S SUMMER NIGHTS:** It's ladies' night! Come join the women of Valley Springs for fellowship, fun, and good appetizers/drinks. Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm at Sienna Restaurant in Roseville. If you have any questions, contact Dana Allred: [dana@valleysprings.org](mailto:dana@valleysprings.org).

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> after service as we hear about the Mexico Missions Trip and enjoy some delicious food. Sign up online ([www.valleysprings.org](http://www.valleysprings.org)) to let us know what dish you're bringing.

**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.

**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.

*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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