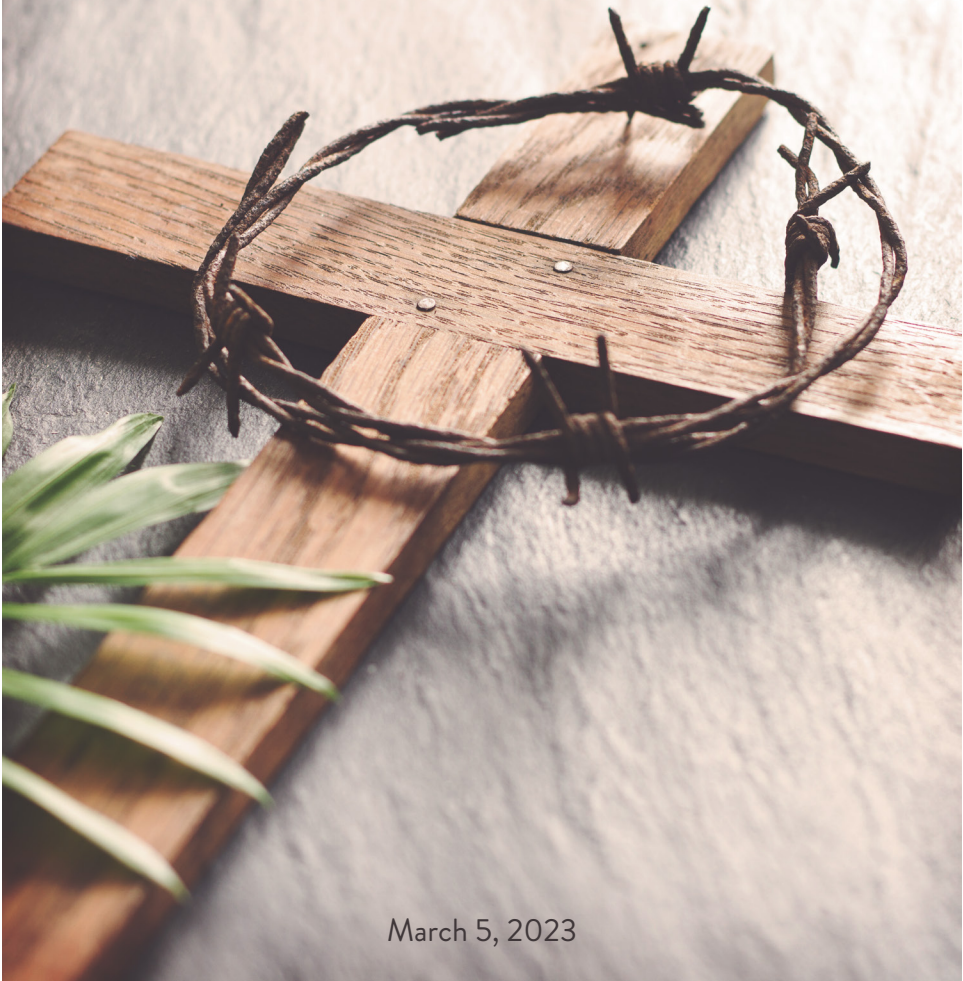


THE
Servant
OF
God

A wooden cross is the central focus, resting on a grey, textured surface. A crown of thorns is draped over the cross. In the bottom left corner, a green lily is partially visible.

March 5, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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SENT BY GOD

Song of Response

It Is Well with My Soul

Blessing

General Offering: Feb 20 - Feb 26	\$ 27,018
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,500
Last Week's Surplus.....	\$ 518
Budget Deficit (YTD).....	(\$ 99,856)

How are we doing?

Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.

So far, we've received **10.1%** of our annual budget.

On average, we've received **12.8%** of our budget by this time in the year.

\$37,648 would bring us up to average.

GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to
(669) 333-5880

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

- Psalm 29:1-2 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

EVERLASTING GOD

(Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Ken Riley, 2005)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord; we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, you reign forever; our hope, our Strong Deliverer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God

You do not faint, You won't grow weary.

You're the Defender of the weak; you comfort those in need.

You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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.

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

^{1b}...there is no fear of God before his eyes. ²For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated. ³The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good. ⁴He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.

- Psalm 36:1b-4 *(English Standard Version)*

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ¹⁶The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

- Psalm 34:15-18 *(English Standard Version)*

SONGS

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.

LIFT MY VOICE

(Words and Music by Jason Squires, 2022)

You are greater than all I see,
I lift my voice to you.

You are greater than all I see,
I lift my voice to you.

For all you've done, for all you do,
For who you are, I sing to you.

I will worship you.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵ Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶ I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

⁸ Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! ⁹ All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. ¹⁰ "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. ¹¹ I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. ¹² I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and I am God. ¹³ Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?"

¹⁴ Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I send to Babylon and bring them all down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice. ¹⁵ I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

²² "Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! ²³ You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. ²⁴ You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.

²⁵ "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. ²⁶ Put me in remembrance; let us argue together; set forth your case, that you may be proved right. ²⁷ Your first father sinned, and your mediators transgressed against me. ²⁸ Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary, and deliver Jacob to utter destruction and Israel to reviling.

SERMON OUTLINE

The Journey Home

Isaiah 43

In this world we spend our lives moving around trying to find our "home" in many places other than in Christ. The road to our true home, though it is one we don't prefer, is the road on which we find life through the only One who offers life to us. Isaiah 43 shows us that...

The journey home is confusing... (Isaiah 43:8-15; Numbers 11:4b-6)

The journey home is painful... (Isaiah 43:8-15; Numbers 14:1-4; Matthew 16:24-26)

...but the journey home is not made alone (Isaiah 43:1-7, 16-28; Matthew 28:18-20)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

Some of us live life as if we're on trial. We never quite feel we belong. We worry about whether we really make the grade. In all sorts of situations we don't feel at home—perhaps even in the church. In Isaiah God promises to lead us home. He promises to bring us to a place of belonging and safety: a place where you can kick your shoes off and feel at home.

- Tim Chester, *Isaiah for You* (Kindle p. 2024)

^{4b} And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

- Numbers 11:4b-6 (*English Standard Version*)

¹ Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. ² And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" ⁴ And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

- Numbers 14:1-4 (*English Standard Version*)

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

- Matthew 16:24-26 (*English Standard Version*)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- Matthew 28:18-20 (*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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY MEXICO TRIP: Come to our Mexico mission trip information meeting and meet and have lunch with Pastor Raymundo and Paster Ray with whom we have partnered for many years on our Mexico trips. The meeting is today at 11:45am in the Middle School Room. The Family Mexico Mission trip is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and the people of Mexico with your immediate family and your Valley Springs family. As in the past, we will be building houses for people. The trip is from 7/15/23 to 7/22/23. You can secure your spot(s) on the trip right now, by paying a \$100 deposit per person. Don't wait! Please email Marcel Weiland at marcelweiland@comcast.net. Our registration deposits are due to YUGO Ministries by March 20th.

LENTEN SERVICES: Join us Wednesdays at noon for a special service as we prepare and anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Continues through Holy Week, in the Chapel.

MISSIONS AUCTION: Join us for a night of great food, great fellowship, and great fun(draising!) at the 2023 Missions Auction! Saturday, March 11th at 5pm. In addition to supporting our annual Mexico Mission trip, this year we are also raising funds to expand our local and global outreach, in partnership with Youth For Christ, Capital Community Athletics, Reformed University Fellowship, and Asocaviva (Guatemala well drilling). Childcare available, 3 years though Grade 5. Tickets: \$30 per person, available at valleysprings.org/auction.

AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We're looking for people to help with various things for the auction: kitchen cleanup, beverage team, help sell raffle tickets, greet and help with item pickup/checkout. If you're interested, contact Isaac Noschka (isaac@valleysprings.org) / (916) 786-7940 x140).

AUCTION YFC SNACK DRIVE: We're partnering with YFC to donate snacks and drinks for their ministry sites on and off campuses. YFC is looking for individually packed snacks like: chips, granola bars, fruit snacks, bottled water, Gatorade, etc. Snacks can be dropped off at the church office starting today through the end of the Auction Saturday, March 11th.

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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