PRAYERS
from the OLD
TESTAMENT

AUGUST 7, 2022
ORDER OF SERVICE

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General Offering: July 25 - July 31...............$ 9,300
Weekly Budget Need.................................$ 26,500
Last Week’s Deficit.................................($ 17,200)
Budget Deficit (YTD)...............................($ 236,821)

How are we doing?
Offering income is not evenly distributed throughout the year.
So far, we’ve received 42.4% of our annual budget.
On average, we’ve received 46.2% of our budget by this time in the year.
$51,612 would bring us up to average.
CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.
6 Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

- Psalm 96:1-6 (English Standard Version)

GREAT ARE YOU LORD
(Words and Music by David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan, 2012)
You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev’ry heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

It’s Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.
It’s Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
“Great are You, Lord!”

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**READINGS**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

10 ...as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

- Romans 3:10-12 (English Standard Version)

**DECLARATION OF GRACE**

54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (English Standard Version)

**SONGS**

**HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

(Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves, 2004)

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God!
THAT’S WHY WE PRAISE HIM
(Words and Music by Tommy Walker, 1999)
He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the living word, our light.
He came to die so we’d be reconciled:
He came to rise to show His pow’r and might.

That’s why we praise Him, that’s why we sing;
That’s why we offer Him our ev’rything.
That’s why we bow down and worship this King,
‘Cause He gave His ev’rything.

He came to live, live again in us;
He came to be our conquering King and friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;
He came to go prepare a place for us.

Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah.

SEE A VICTORY
(Words and Music by Ben Fielding, Chris Brown, Jason Ingram, and Steven Furtick, 2019)
The weapon may be formed, but it won’t prosper.
When the darkness falls, it won’t prevail.
‘Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph.
My God will never fail. My God will never fail.

I’m gonna see a victory, I’m gonna see a victory.
For the battle belongs to You, Lord.
I’m gonna see a victory, I’m gonna see a victory.
For the battle belongs to You, Lord.

There’s power in the mighty Name of Jesus.
Every war He wages He will win.
I’m not backing down from any giant.
I know how this story ends. I know how this story ends.

You take what the enemy meant for evil,
And You turn it for good, You turn it for good.
Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. 2 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. 3 The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.

4 “Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. 5 The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. 6 Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. 7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. 8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’ 10 You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

11 “Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? 12 You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

13 “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. 14 The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. 15 Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. 16 Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. 17 You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. 18 The Lord will reign forever and ever.”

- Exodus 15:1-18 (English Standard Version)

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

- Have you ever gotten lost in an unfamiliar place? What was that experience like? How did you find your way again?

- Why is it important to know where we have come from? Take a moment to reflect on your life up to this point. How has God been at work in your life thus far?

- Why is it important to know where you are going? Take a moment to reflect on your hopes and dreams for the future. How might God be shaping/changing those?

- Read Revelation 15:1-4. Why would the Song of Moses be referenced in that book?
Behind Us and Before Us
Exodus 15:1-18

*Through prayer, God invites us to look in two different directions...*

He invites us to look at what’s behind us (Exodus 15:1-12; 29:46)

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He invites us to look at what’s before us (Exodus 15:13-18; Revelation 15:1-4)

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We are saved so that we might enjoy the presence of God and dwell with him. Not only are we saved from the sin of Genesis 3 — we are saved to walk with God in the cool of the evening as Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 2. We are saved to enjoy and live under the reign of the eternal Lord.

- Tim Chester, *Exodus for You* (p. 111-112)

“We have been rid of all this through baptism, as through the Red Sea...Let us not turn back to Egypt in our hearts, but with him as our protector and guide let us wend our way through the other trials and temptations of the desert toward the kingdom.”

- Quote from St. Augustine, *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture* (p. 80)

46 And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.

- Exodus 29:46 (*English Standard Version*)

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

2 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. 3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! 4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

- Revelation 15:1-4 (*English Standard Version*)
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)

READINGS

SONGS

GOODNESS OF GOD

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.
SONGS

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.

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WORK DAY: Help us prepare our building for the onslaught of fall activities! On Saturday, August 13th, 9am-12pm, we could use some help with a few projects inside and outside our building. We’ll be painting, cleaning, and taking care of a few other odds and ends! Good work clothes are recommended; we’ll provide any necessary tools. Contact: Isaac Noschka (isaac@valleysprings.org).

JOSEPH’S STOREHOUSE: Our food pantry needs to be restocked! We need jelly, canned fruit, canned beans/chili, canned tuna/chicken, boxed mac and cheese, canned soup, and Top Ramen. 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 2022-23 school year is open. See www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org or contact Danya Schulte: danya@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7670.

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