

July 23, 2023

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GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

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PLEDGE CARD UPDATE

Increase Monthly Giving\$ 6,256.33

One-Time Special Gifts.....\$ 45,150.00

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 1st.

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

GIVE NOW



Text "GIVE" to
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READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice...

- Psalm 95:6-7 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

(Words and Music by George Job Elvey, Godfrey Thring, and Matthew Bridges)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own!
Awake my soul and sing, of Him who died for Thee,
And hail Him as Thy matchless King, through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye, at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife, for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heave'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n, from yonder glorious throne,
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

SONGS

LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

(Words and Music by Rick Founds, 1989)

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.*

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

¹⁸"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

- Isaiah 1:16-18 *(English Standard Version)*

DECLARATION OF GRACE

⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. ⁸And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

- Psalm 130:7-8 *(English Standard Version)*

SONGS

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

(Words & Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, 2011)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

STILL, MY SOUL, BE STILL

(Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend, 2008)

Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side; no longer dread
The fires of unexpected sorrow.

*God, You are my God,
And I will trust in You and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me
To rest in You alone.*

Still, my soul, be still, do not be moved
By lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith
Against temptation's flaming arrows.

Still, my soul, be still, do not forsake
The truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise
As stars appear when day is dimming.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹ Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct. ³ Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴ but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

- 1 Peter 3:1-7 (*English Standard Version*)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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

- What is the most beautiful marriage you have seen or experienced? What was beautiful about it? What drew you to it? How did others experience it? How did you perceive the roles? How did decisions get made and lived out in this marriage?
- What is most challenging for you to read in these verses? What examples have you seen, experienced, or heard about that make these words challenging for you to read?
- Read Ephesians 5:21-32. What similarities do you read in comparison to 1 Peter 3:1-7? Do you find differences between the two passages? Why might those differences be highlighted in each passage?
- What negative images of submission come to mind when you hear the word? When submission within the members of the Trinity is envisioned, taught in the scriptures, there is nothing sinful about it. The members of the Trinity are perfectly one, known at the same time in three distinct persons. The Larger Catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith asks it this way: “Q. 9. *How many persons are there in the Godhead?* A. There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.” Discuss the ways we seek to retain our individuality in relationships and at the same time seek to connect in meaningful ways with others. I believe the scripture would indicate that this is a behavioral summary of the outworking of the image of God on any human being. Describe a relationship that has helped you become more yourself while at the same time helping you to appreciate human connections.

SERMON OUTLINE

An Example of Learning to Serve *1 Peter 3:1-7*

Our core identity is distinct from the stations we occupy... (1 Peter 2:9-10)

Both husbands and wives are to express compassionate love... (1 Peter 3:8-9)

Wives express compassionate love toward their husbands through submission... (1 Peter 3:1-6)

Husbands express compassionate love toward their wives through honor...
(1 Peter 3:7)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

²¹ ...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

- Ephesians 5:21-33 (*English Standard Version*)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 today after service as we hear about the Mexico Missions Trip and enjoy some delicious food.

SUMMER PARK PLAY DATES: Join the moms and kiddos of Valley Springs for fellowship and playtime. The next play date is Tuesday, July 25th, 9am at Royer 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, August 2nd from 5pm-7pm at La Provence in Roseville. If you have any questions, contact Dana Allred: dana@valleysprings.org.

WORK DAY: Help us take care of some necessary tasks around our facility! On Saturday, August 5th, 9am-11am, 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 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.

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