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### Today

**A Warm Welcome to All!** This morning we are going to be taking precautions given the seriousness of the CoVID – 19 virus. The council has put the following plan in place as we try to minimize the amount of contact to what is necessary; no Greeters, Ushers, Nursery, Mutual Greeting, Children in Worship, coffee time or Sunday school. The offering will be collected as you leave the sanctuary. The evening service will also be cancelled. We encourage the elderly to stay home and worship with us via the live streaming service. As the elders and deacons have weighed our options we have sought to obey God’s command that we gather to remember and celebrate his works on the Lord’s Day, while also recognizing that we are called to be care for our bodies and our neighbors by encouraging wisdom and restraint where necessary. We can honestly say that we are not afraid, but that we are making this decision out of obedience to state authorities and out of love for each of you. This morning Pastor Mark will be continuing his *Behold Jesus* series from Mark 3, *Unity in God’s Family*.

**Our Children in Worship** program is for 3yrs old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children that meets downstairs in the youth ministry center during the morning worship service for age appropriate worship. Today’s story is *Jesus and Bartimaeus*.

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### Announcements

**We need your help** by donating Easter candy for Open Door’s annual Community Easter Egg hunt. Please have the donations to the church by April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Deacons Dinner** – All those who are 65+ are invited to the annual Deacons Senior Dinner on Saturday, March 28, at 5:00pm in the AV fellowship hall. Come and enjoy a fabulous dinner prepared by the Deacons! Contact your Deacon if you have any questions.

**Bethany Home has postponed** the presentation of *How to Maintain a Healthy Brain Without Really Trying* scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Almond Valley CRC. Look for further announcements for a rescheduled date and time.

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### Church Family

**Birthdays this week:** 3/15 Gwen Hollander 3/16 Brady Rhoda 3/29 Saylor De Abreu, Juli Vanden Akker 3/21 Becky Rhoda

<b>Sunday 15</b>	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am NO Sunday School Classes (K-12) NO Adult Sunday School
<b>Monday 16</b>	Let’s Go Out for Breakfast – 8:30am Perko’s , Salida. All are welcome! GEMS – 6:30pm - Real Talk: 3 <sup>rd</sup> gr.
<b>Tuesday 17</b>	Women’s Bible Study – 7pm Men’s Bible Study – 7pm Elder’s Meeting – 7pm MS Youth Group – 7pm
<b>Wednesday 18</b>	WWW - 9am HS Youth Group – 7:30pm
<b>Thursday 19</b>	Women’s Bible Study – 6am (Lori/Kaitlyn) Worship Practice – 6:45pm Worship Committee – 7:30pm
<b>Friday 20</b>	
<b>Saturday 21</b>	
<b>Sunday 22</b>	Morning Worship – 9:30am – Cadet Sunday Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Sunday School Classes (K-12) -10:45am Adult Sunday School - 11am Evening Worship – 6pm

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

(Chorus)

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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Children, ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> gr, come up front for their blessing

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### **God Hears our Prayers**

### **God Teaches Us**

Text: Mark 3:20-35 (p. 1556)

Message: Unity in God's Family

### **God Sends Us**

Parting Blessing

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (#638 PH)

***Please give your offering at the door when you exit.***

**Offering:** Resonate Global Missions: Gho (Next Week: Cadets)

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **God Gathers Us**

*Holy, Holy, Holy* (#249 PH)

*Same Power* (Screen)

I can see the waters raging at my feet  
I can feel the breath of those surrounding me  
I can hear the sound of nations rising up  
We will not be overtaken  
We will not be overcome

I can walk down this dark and painful road  
I can face ev'ry fear of the unknown  
I can hear all God's children singing out  
We will not be overtaken  
We will not be overcome

(Chorus)

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave  
The same power that commands the dead to wake  
Lives in us lives in us  
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks  
The same power that can calm a raging sea  
Lives in us lives in us  
He lives in us lives in us

We have hope that His promises are true  
In His strength there is nothing we can't do  
Yes we know there are greater things in store  
We will not be overtaken  
We will not be overcome

Greater is He that is living in me  
He's conquered our enemy (oh)  
No power of darkness  
No weapon prevails  
We stand here in victory  
In victory

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**God's Will for Us – Commandment #10 - You shall not covet.**

### **Our Prayer of Confession**

*Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone* (Screen)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

Grace and peace to you, members and friends of Almond Valley CRC,

During these uncertain and anxious times it is such a blessing that we can have confidence, hope, and peace because “the earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”

As we move closer to Sunday, many are wondering what our plans are for the day’s activities. The council has agreed on the following action plan for this Sunday, based on the instructions of state health officials concerning the COVID-19 virus and the wisdom the Lord has given to our leaders.

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

- Worship will be held at 9:30 with several precautionary measures meant to minimize personal contact with one another.
- Elders and deacons will man the doors and, instead of shaking hands, will welcome you and open the door for you.
- State health officials mandate that during large gatherings people should make every effort to stay 6 feet away from one another. This means that families who live in the same home may sit together, but we should all make efforts to spread out throughout the sanctuary as we decide where to sit. This may seem like an extreme measure but the Bible commands us to obey those the Lord places in authority over us, including state authorities.
- Nursery and Children in Worship will not be offered during the service.
- There will be no offering received during the service, but deacons will be stationed at the back doors so you can place your offering in the bag on your way out of church. If you are unable to attend Sunday’s service in person remember the option to give online at [www.almondvalley.org](http://www.almondvalley.org).
- Coffee will not be served after the service, and given the instruction about keeping our distance from one another it seems best that we minimize conversation in the foyer/social hall.
- Sunday school for all ages is cancelled until further notice.
- **IMPORTANT** – If you are elderly, if you are sick, or if you are at risk of being severely impacted by COVID-19 (weak immune system or particularly susceptible to respiratory disease), we strongly encourage you to join us via live stream at [www.almondvalley.org](http://www.almondvalley.org).

### **Sunday Evening**

- The 6:00 PM worship service is cancelled.
- The main reason is that most of the attendees of that service are older members of Almond Valley and the surrounding community who are encouraged not to attend public gatherings.
- The second reason is that Pastor Mark was informed on Thursday morning of the cancellation of Zach King’s trip, so he is shifting attention onto the morning service.

As the elders and deacons have weighed our options we have sought to obey God’s command that we gather to remember and celebrate his works on the Lord’s Day, while also recognizing that we are called to be care for our bodies and our neighbors by encouraging wisdom and restraint where necessary. We can honestly say that we are not afraid, but that we are making this decision out of obedience to state authorities and out of love for each of you.

During this time, here are some issues we encourage you incorporate into the prayers you offer up to the Lord:

- Pray for those who are isolated as a result of the spread of COVID-19. Ask the Lord to provide a rich fellowship that only he can give.
- Pray for those who are sick. Ask the Lord to heal them and bring an end to the spread of this disease.
- Pray for those who suffer anxiety, that they would trust completely in the Living God no matter what happens around them.

As you move forward throughout the rest of this week, remember Jesus’ sobering and comforting words to his disciples. “In this world you will have trouble, but I have overcome the world.”

In Christ,  
The Council of AVCRC