

The Orchard Weekly

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

This Sunday

Morning Sermon:

Deuteronomy 6:1-10, *Reformed in the Storm: Personal Piety*

Evening Sermon:

2 Corinthians 5:21, *He Became Sin to Make Us Righteous*

Communion: This Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. The focus of our morning service will be on our personal relationship with the Lord, with a special emphasis on taking time throughout each day to pray and read his Word. With this in mind, spend some intentional time leading up to Sunday's service with God. Thank him for creating you. Thank him for saving you. Thank him for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Some Scripture texts that you could read that will deepen your preparation for Communion are John 11:17-27, Romans 8:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, and Revelation 7:9-17.

Announcements

Bethany Home & Beth Haven service streaming has been down. We are looking into the problem and hope to be up and running soon.

SAVE THE DATE and join us as in showing our appreciation at our All-Church Pastor & Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on Sept. 26th after the morning service.

The Church Life Committee is forming a new group for retired members of Almond Valley Church. This group will incorporate the "Senior Singles Group" that was organized recently as well as those seniors who are married. Our next event will be playing dominoes in the Fellowship Hall the afternoon of Thursday, September 16 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Please sign up by Sunday, September 12 if you plan to attend.

Thursday 6am Bible Study will begin **October 7th**, no meetings in September.

REMINDER: We are showering Beverly Richhart Tuesday, September 21st. Please remember to bring your recipe for a happy marriage. Any questions? Contact Karen Viss (209) 329-7522 or Janeen Dykxhoorn (209) 986-8007.

This Week

Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship - Communion

11:00am K-12 Sunday School

11:00am Adult Sunday School

6:00pm Evening Worship

Tuesday

7:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday

6:30pm Grief Share Meeting

9:00am WWW Bible Study

7:30pm HS Youth Group

Thursday

6:45pm Worship Rehearsal

7:30pm Worship Committee

Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship

11:00am K-12 Sunday School

11:00am Adult Sunday School

6:00pm Evening Worship

Church Family

Birthdays: 9/14 Jean Vander Schuur 9/15 Debra Van Essen 9/18 Gary Smith, Cindy Vander Molen

The Church Website Has a New Look - Check out www.almondvalley.org to take a look at the new church website! Many thanks to Heather Visser for putting in many hours implementing and editing this new design. As part of our update to our website we are also changing our online giving from Tithely to Faithlife. Online giving has been going well in our church but it has been a learning and growing process for us as well. While Tithely has been working reasonably well, the Faithlife platform does a better job of integrating with our other software. You can get setup with Faithlife by clicking on the donate button on the website and following the prompts. We thank you for your continued support of the ministries at AVCRC.

Weekly Prayer Guide

Monday - Pray for the leadership of Bethany Home as they navigate the safety of their residents and the freedom of fellowship. Pray for the end of the COVID pandemic.

Tuesday - Pray for our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan as they now face extreme persecution for their faith. May they stand strong for Christ as they face death. Pray for mercy and grace.

Wednesday - Pray for those at Almond Valley CRC who are experiencing loss of health and the loss of loved ones. Pray for healing and renewal of health, both physically and spiritually. May peace and grace be with them.

Thursday - Pray for the ministries at AVCRC that are resuming this week. Pray for the leaders and the students, that they may follow God's guidance in teaching and in fellowship.

Friday - Pray for our pastors, elders, deacons, and staff as they shepherd our church. Pray for wisdom and God's leading as they serve the needs of God's children. May they be faithful in their work.

Saturday - Pray for the outreach programs of our church. May we be faithful in sharing the good news wherever we are. May we seek opportunities to go out of our comfort zones and proclaim Christ to a hurting world.

Sunday - Pray for God's glory to be proclaimed today in our worship. May we experience God in a new and refreshing way, as we recommit our lives to Christ.

**Evening Worship
Almond Valley CRC
Sept. 12, 2021**

Leading: Pastor Mark VanDyke
Accompanist: Joyce Kok

Welcome & Opening Prayer

God's Greeting

Songs of Faith

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - PH #262 vs. 1-3

And Can It Be - PH #267 vs. 1-4

Share & Prayer

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:21 (p. 1799)

Belgic Confession Article 21

Message

“He Became Sin to Make Us Righteous”

Song of Response

Not What My Hands Have Done - PH #260 vs. 1-3

Parting Blessing

Closing Song

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow - PH #638

Welcome to Worship

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God Gathers Us

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom
And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

Public Domain

Responsive reading—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

**We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.**

We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.

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

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every 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

Bridge
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 everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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Congregational Prayer

Children in Worship dismissed

Giving Our Offering General Fund (Next week: Modesto Pregnancy Center)

Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Chorus
Show us Christ show us Christ
O God reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave

Riches for the needy soul

Come speak to us today

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God Teaches Us

Prayer of Illumination

Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-10 (p. 284)

Message: Reformed in the Storm: Personal Piety

Prayer of Application

Preparatory for Communion

God's Law in unison

You shall have no other gods before me

You shall not make for yourselves an idol

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy

Honor your father and your mother

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery

You shall not steal

You shall not give false testimony

You shall not covet

Communion

God Sends Us

Parting Blessing

When We Walk with the Lord (#548 PH)