

Welcome to Worship

God Gathers Us

Welcome
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer
God's Greeting

Songs of Praise

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus
Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God

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And Can It Be? Vs 1,2,4

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
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That Thou my God shouldst die for me

He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race

Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
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No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
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God Heals and Forgives

All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Chorus
Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

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Giving of Our Gifts - Resonate Global Missions: Gho (Next Week: Thursday Lunch)

Musical Offertory - "Find Us Faithful" (Kelsi, Ashley, Janean and Bill)

**** Children are dismissed for Children & Worship****

Congregational Prayer

God Teaches Us

Scripture: Acts 6:8-7:53 (p. 1086)

Message: "When God's Word is Offensive"

Ancient Words vs 1-3

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart O let the ancient words impart

Words of life words of hope Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus

Ancient words ever true Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts O let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice O heed the faithful words of Christ

O let the ancient words impart

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God Sends Us

Parting Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing

We receive Your blessing
We receive Your grace
As we walk in the light
Shining from Your face
May the peace that You give
Change the way that we live
We receive Your blessing
As we leave this place

Bridge

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above you heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and praise the Holy Ghost

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Evening Worship

August 23, 2026

Leading in Worship: Pastor Mark VanDyke

Worship Team: Cliff Schoolland, Randy & Dawn Eskes

Welcome

Opening Prayer

God's Greeting

Opening Songs

Amid the Thronging Worshipers - PH #239:1-3

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that we can be
Thou God art present there

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Catechism Moment

Q&A's 94 and 95 (page 905 of Psalter Hymnal)

Whiter Than Snow

Lord Jesus I long to be perfectly whole
I want Thee forever to live in my soul
Break down ev'ry idol cast out ev'ry foe
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

Chorus

Whiter than snow yes whiter than snow
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

Lord Jesus look down from Thy throne in the skies
And help me to make a complete sacrifice
I give up myself and whatever I know
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

Lord Jesus before you I patiently wait
Come now and within me a new heart create
To those who have sought Thee Thou never said no
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow

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Share & Prayer Time

Scripture

Daniel 6:1-28 (p. 882)

Message

"My God Shut the Lions' Mouths"

Song of Response

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old old story How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins And won the victory

Chorus

O victory in Jesus My Savior forever
He sought me and bought me With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing Of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again And caused the blind to see
And then I cried dear Jesus Come and heal my broken spirit
And somehow Jesus came and brought To me the victory

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Parting Blessing

Closing Song

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing - PH #320:1-2

The ORCHARD WEEKLY

August 23, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next session of GriefShare is set to begin on Wednesday, September 9, in the Council Room. If you are interested in joining us, contact Jerry Terpsma at 209-543-2695. Please invite anyone who you believe might be interested in joining us. You may also register by going online to Griefshare.org. We meet from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, and there is no cost for the program.

Men's Bible Study: Are you interested in attending an evening Men's Bible Study? Please sign up at the Welcome Center. We plan to start a new session on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00pm. The book that we will be studying is *Knowing God* by JI Packer.

Transportation Assistance: Almond Valley has a need and is looking for volunteers to be a part of a team of drivers that gives rides to seniors for Dr. appts., etc. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in helping in this way!

Discovery Class starts this Sunday after the evening service. If you are interested in becoming a member of AV, you are encouraged to attend all 3 parts of the class, which will be held on Aug. 23, 30 and Sept. 6. The Discovery Class will meet in the church library about 10 minutes after the conclusion of the evening worship service.

'26-'27 Directory Photos: Please stop by and see Dave Hollander on the North entrance breezeway over the next 2 Sundays to update your Church Directory Photo. He will be available before and after the morning service.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sunday
9:30am Morning Worship
10:45am Beth Haven B & C
6:00pm Evening Worship
7:15pm Discovery Class
- Monday
- Tuesday—Church Office Closed
- Wednesday
5:30am Men's Bible Study
- Thursday
7:00pm Worship Rehearsal
- Friday
- Saturday
- Next Sunday
9:30am Morning Worship
10:45am Ministry Kickoff Ice Cream Social
10:45am Beth Haven B & C
6:00pm Evening Worship
7:15pm Discovery Class

SUNDAY

Morning Worship

Acts 6:8-7:53

"When God's Word is Offensive"

Preparing for This Week's Sermon - On Sunday morning Pastor Mark's Scripture text will be Acts 6:6-7:54, where Stephen preaches from the Old Testament to the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Recognizing that the text is lengthy (62 verses), Pastor Mark will not read the entire passage during the service. With this in mind, please read the passage before the service to familiarize yourself with Stephen's excellent summary of the Old Testament.

Evening Worship

Daniel 6

"My God Shut the Lions' Mouth"

CHURCH FAMILY

Birthdays this week: 8/23 Marv Pater 8/24 Doris Anema, Kerri Mora 8/25 Micaiah Kuiper 8/26 Liz Bellin, Wayne Moret 8/29 Gary Ingels

Anniversaries this week: 8/24 Paul & Amy Anema 8/25 Robert & Rita Smits

AUGUST OFFERING SCHEDULE

8/2 General Fund 8/9 Missions Fund 8/16 Sierra Salem 8/23 Resonate Global Missions: Gho 8/30 Thursday Lunch

PRAYER GUIDE

Monday- Pray for our federal, state, and local leaders as they govern our country. Pray for wisdom and integrity to be the basis for their decisions. May they seek God's leading in their lives.

Tuesday- Pray for the elders and deacons as they interview a possible staff hire. Pray for the Spirit's leading and guidance as we continue to discern God's good and perfect will for our church.

Wednesday- Pray for the young people and their leaders as they begin a new year of learning, fellowship, and having fun together.

Thursday- We are blessed with a rich variety of talents and gifts in our church. May we each use our abilities to bless others and to glorify our God.

Friday- May we be quick to respond to the Spirit's promptings. We have all waited too long to act, only to find that it was then too late. May we be sensitive and obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading.

Saturday- We have been blessed beyond measure. May our lives reflect gratitude to God and to those around us. May we show that gratitude in tangible and meaningful ways.

Sunday- May our worship today be a foretaste of our future worship in heaven. May we see a glimpse of God's glory even now.