



November 27, 2016

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Thanksgiving for God's Rescue

Called to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Come People of the Risen King

*Come, people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in
Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice*

*Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace
Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice*

*Come, young and old from every land men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age “Our God is all in all”
Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice*

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One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice*

Confessing our Sin

Psalm 107

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them... Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High... Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction... They reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

Declaration: Psalm 107:8-9

Thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Celebrating the Gospel

The Love of God

*The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child he reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.*

CHORUS:

*O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angel's song.*

*When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—the saints' and angels' song.*

Chorus

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.*

Chorus

Scripture Reading

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

CHORUS:

*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*

Chorus

*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*

Chorus

*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*

Chorus

*I'll worship Your holy name
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name*

Greeting and Announcements

Welcome! Visitors, we're so happy you joined us this morning. If you desire, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as it's being passed. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Prayer for the congregation and the world

Consecrated by the Word

Pastor Mark Howard

Text: Psalm 107

Notes:

Oh Give Thanks to the Lord

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

Chorus:

Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.*

*For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.*

*For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To our race so freely given
For that great great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven.*

Compelled to Go Out

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

We welcome you to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service

Community and Events

This week at West Valley:

- Today: **Youth** [grades 6-12]: Please join us Sunday nights at 6:30pm, as we study God's Word and enjoy time together.
- Tuesday: **Women in The Word:** please join us as we discuss Romans 7 from 8pm-9:30pm at the home of Amy Miller.

Upcoming Events:

Membership Class – Are you interested in finding out more about West Valley or becoming a member? If so, come along to our membership class on Sunday, December 4th from 11.30am-2.30pm. Lunch will be provided and childcare is available as requested – please sign up at the back or email Mark for more info.

Advent Devotions – To receive short devotions via email during advent, sign up at <http://eepurl.com/ceworz>. Emails will be sent each week day beginning Nov 28th and include Scripture readings, a few questions and prayer suggestions.

Help serve a meal at the Salvation Army: Opportunity to serve 12/18. Please contact Alice Kim to sign up!

Opportunities to Serve:

Angel Network Donations:

We are collecting 160 boxes of hot chocolate to donate to Angel Network (A program to assist families at Emmaus High School who are in need). Please drop off your donations on the back table in the main worship space by December 11th!

More details regarding the events here at West Valley can be found on our website: www.westvalleypres.org

Memory Verse

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

-Acts 1:8

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