



April 9, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory

Called to Worship

Matthew 21:1-9

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Father Long Before Creation

*Father long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving
Draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone*

*God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave.*

*Though the world may change it's fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His cov'nant
Through all ages will remain
God's own children, God's own children
Must for ever praise His name.*

*Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6 (page: 614)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Celebrating the Gospel

Before the Throne of God Above

*Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart*

*When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me*

*Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God*

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Declaring our Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I Will Sing Praise to God

*I will sing praise to God. He has lifted me up
He heard my cry for help and He filled my cup
His favor extends for a lifetime, His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise forever more*

CHORUS:

*His favor extends for a lifetime, His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise forever more
My soul shall sing His praise forever more*

*I'll put my trust in Him, God my refuge and strength
For when my life seems lost He will show me the way
His favor extends for a lifetime, His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise forever more*

Chorus

*I will sing praise to God. He has lifted me up
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His favor extends for a lifetime, His grace gives me strength each day
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(Chorus with repeat)

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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

Behold Our God

*Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice*

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

*Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His Words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds*

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

*Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign*

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

*Men: You will reign forever
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth
(repeat)*

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!*

Tithes and Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Co 9:7

Jesus Paid It All

*I hear the Savior say thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray find in me thine all in all*

CHORUS:

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

*Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone*

Chorus

*For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb*

Chorus

*And when before the throne I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save my lips shall still repeat*

Chorus

Compelled to Go Out

Commission and Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Community and Events

Announcements:

- Today: **Growth Group** - 4pm at the Nussbaum's to pray and discuss last week's sermon. Please contact Matt if you are interested.
 Youth Group [grades 6-12] - 6:30pm at church to continue our study of the 10 Commandments.
- Tuesday: **Women in the Word** - Join us this week at the home of Amy Miller as we continue our study of Romans.
- Thursday: **Men's Bible Study** - 7.30pm at church. This week we will study Romans 13.
- Friday: **Good Friday Service** - Friday, April 14th at 7pm
- Saturday: **Women in the Word** - Join us at 8am! This group is also studying Romans. The location regularly changes - for more information, contact Cindy Zerfass.

Upcoming Events:

Young Adult Small Group - Are you a young adult looking to get plugged in at West Valley? Talk to Brian or Jenn (stensonb@dm.org) for more information.

New Growth Group - This small group will begin on Friday April 28th from 6:30-8:30. Location: 539 Ridge St. Emmaus. Contact Nam or Karen Lyngdoh if you are interested.

Playground Group - Join us on Tuesday, April 11th. We will meet at Alton Park on Oxford Dr. in Allentown. We'll meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 11am.

WV-Kids Training Seminar Saturday, May 6th 9-11 AM - There will be a training seminar for all teachers on Saturday, 5/6 from 9-11 AM. We will review the past year, introduce the summer curriculum, and receive training in how to catechize our kids as part of our regular teaching. Childcare will be provided as well as coffee, bagels, and assorted breakfast foods. Please make it a priority to attend!

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

Memory Verse

Jesus came and said to them "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations."

Matthew 28:18-19a

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*Growing disciples of Jesus
at home, at work and in our communities
through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*