



May 21, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Joy of Forgiveness

Called to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Blessed Be Your Name

*You are my God
You are my King
How can it be that someone like me
Is known by You*

*Blessed be Your name
Let Your glory reign
In my heart, In my heart*

*Safe in Your plan
I know where I stand
I was alone, but now I am
Home in Your Hands*

*Holy are Your ways
I will trust You and obey
For You are a sovereign God*

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (page: 660)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Acts 10:43

To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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
(repeat)*

Declaring our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hallelujah for the Cross

*Up to the hill of Calvary My Savior went courageously
and there he bled and died for me, Hallelujah for the cross
And on that day the world was changed a final, perfect lamb was slain
Let earth and heaven now proclaim, Hallelujah for the cross*

CHORUS:

*Hallelujah for the war He fought. Love has won, Death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought. Hallelujah for the cross*

*What good I've done could never save. My debt too great for deeds to pay
But God, my Savior, made a way, Hallelujah for the cross
A slave to sin, my life was bound, but all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down, Hallelujah for the cross*

Chorus

*And when I breathe my final breath, I'll have no need to fear that rest
This hope will guide me into death, Hallelujah for the cross*

Chorus with repeat

*Hallelujah for the cross
(repeat twice)*

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

And Can It Be?

*And can it be, that I should gain an int'rest in the Saviour'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*

*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
'Tis mercy all, immense and free for, O my God, it found out me
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me*

*Long my imprison'd spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free I rose, went forth, and followed Thee
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me*

*No condemnation now I dread Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head and clothed with righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me*

Communion in Sacrament

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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

In the Cross

*Jesus keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain*

CHORUS:

*In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever
Til my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river*

*Near the cross a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds it's beams around me*

Chorus

*Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever
Til I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river*

Chorus

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Ephesians 5:1-2

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

Community and Events

Announcements:

- Today: **Youth Group [grades 6-12]** - 6:30pm at church to continue our study of the 10 Commandments.
- Tuesday: **Women in the Word** - May 16th at 8pm at the home of Amy Miller.
- Thursday: **Men's Bible Study** - 7.30pm at church
- Saturday: **Women in the Word** - Join us at 8am - Contact Cindy Zerfass for location information.

Growth Groups - Want to think more about how what we learn on Sunday applies to life the rest of the week? These groups meet regularly to discuss the sermon. Sundays, 4pm at the Nussbaum's and Fridays, 6.30pm at the Lyngdoh's.

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

Upcoming Events:

Kids and Communion - Join us on Sunday, June 4th 4pm-5.30pm as we think through the when and how of introducing our kids to the Lord's Supper.

Playground Group - We will meet at Alton Park on Oxford Dr. in Allentown on the 2nd/4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30am.

Opportunities to Serve:

Slides - Looking for a way to serve at West Valley? Helping run the slides on Sunday is a vital ministry that's straightforward and doesn't involve a huge commitment. See Isaac and Stef Moore for more info.

Back Yard Bible Clubs - Are you interested in hosting, assisting or praying for outreach to local families? Speak to Karen Lyngdoh or Alice Kim for more info. Families with children 6-9 are welcome to join Ezra's BYBC in Emmaus June 26-30.

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*