



July 2, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The God of All Comfort

Called to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

*Hallelujah, praise Jehovah O my soul, Jehovah praise
I will sing the glorious praises of my God thru all my days
Put no confidence in princes Nor for help on man depend
He shall die, to dust returning and his purposes shall end*

*Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid
He is blest whose hope of blessing On the Lord his God is stayed
Heav'n and earth the Lord created Seas and all that they contain
He delivers from oppression Righteousness He will maintain*

*Food He daily gives the hungry Sets the mourning pris'ner free
Raises those bowed down with anguish Makes the sightless eyes to see
Well Jehovah loves the righteous And the stranger He befriends
Helps the fatherless and widow Judgment on the wicked sends*

*Hallelujah, praise Jehovah O my soul, Jehovah praise
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God thru all my days
Over all God reigns forever Thru all ages He is King
Unto Him thy God O Zion Joyful hallelujahs sing*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5 (page:)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. By our actions and attitudes we condone what you condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 145:13-14

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Celebrating the Gospel

Thy Mercy My God is the Theme of My Song

*Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast*

*Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirit revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive*

*Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found*

*Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine*

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Declaring Our Faith

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his names sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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
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*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

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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

Eternal Weight Of Glory

*Now the days and hours and moments of our suffering seem so long,
And the toil-some wait and wond'ring threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing where our faith is thin and weak,
But our hope is set on Jesus and we cling to Him our strength.*

CHORUS:

*For behold I tell a mystery; At the trumpet sound we'll wake
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry when we meet our King of grace.
Ev'ry year we thought was wasted, every night we cried how long
All will be a passing moment in our Savior's victory song.*

*Oh eternal weight of glory, oh inheritance divine
We will see our Lord redeeming every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory and our broken years restored.*

Chorus

*We will see our wounded Savior, we'll behold Him face to face
And we'll hear our anguished stories sung as vict'ry songs of grace.
All our pains will be transfigured like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory and our broken years restored.*

Chorus

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*

When Trials Come

*When trials come, no longer fear
For in the pain, our God draws near to
Fire a faith worth more than gold
And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told*

*Within the night, I know Your peace
The Breath of God brings strength to me and
New each morning mercies flow
As treasures of the darkness grow
As treasures of the darkness grow*

*I turn to wisdom not my own
For every battle You have known
My confidence will rest in You
Your love endures Your ways are good
Your love endures Your ways are good*

*When I am weary with the cost
I see the triumph of the cross
So in it's shadow I shall run
'Til He completes the work begun
'Til He completes the work begun*

*One day all things will be made new
I'll see the hope you've called me to
And in Your Kingdom paved with gold
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old*

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen

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

Community and Events

Announcements:

- Today: **Youth Group [grades 6-12]** - No Youth Group this week.
- 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 Mark Howard (pastormark@westvalleypres.org) for more information.

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

Upcoming Events:

Locust Lake State Park Camping Trip - July 7-9, or join us Saturday for a day trip. Potluck lunch and dinner on 7/8 and feel free to stay for a camp fire! Contact Kristen Moyer or Alice Kim for more details.

Opportunities to Serve:

Host a Summer Exchange Student! AHLI are looking for families to hosts for students from Spain, Japan and China. More information is available at the back of church or you can email Rosanne at rosannek@amhomelife.org.

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*