



July 16, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Thanksgiving for True Salvation

Called to Worship

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.*

*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.*

CHORUS:

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

Chorus

*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.*

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:1-15 (page:)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Celebrating the Gospel

Just As I Am

*Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come*

*Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come*

*Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To thee, whose blood
Can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come*

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come*

Declaring Our Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

Come Praise and Glorify

*Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured*

*For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally*

CHORUS:

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves*

*Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice*

*In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill*

Chorus

*Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord*

*The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One*

Chorus with repeat

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

Mr. Dan Adams

Title: Gratefulness for an Authentic Faith

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (page:)

Notes: _____

New Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

CHORUS:

*Praise God
Praise God
Praise God who saved my soul*

*Praise God
Praise God
Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim
The power and might of His great Name
Let us exalt on bended knee
Praise God the Holy Trinity*

Chorus

*Praise to the King His throne transcends
His crown and kingdom never end
Now and throughout eternity
I'll praise the One Who died for me*

Chorus

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

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

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

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Colossians 1:15-17

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:18

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ 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]** - No Youth Group this week.
- Tuesday: **Women in the Word** - 7:30pm at the church. We will be studying the book of Zechariah. See Annie Burdine or Cherilyn Howard for more info.
- 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:

Save the date - Praise Concert with Wendell Kimbrough, Sunday Evening, August 13th - more details to follow.

Opportunities to Serve:

Salvation Army - Serve people in need at the Bethlehem SA after church Sunday 7/23. Please let the Kims know if you can help prepare and serve lunch. Contact agkim1997@gmail.com.

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*