



August 13, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The God Who Forgives

Called to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5, 22

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
Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O Worship the King

*O worship the King, all glorious above
And gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise*

*O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm*

*Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 (page:)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved you from the heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have shown us mercy, but we have been harsh and unforgiving. You show love to all, but we show favor only to our friends. Our hearts are corrupt, and we are guilty. Please forgive us and cleanse us from our sin. Help us by your Spirit to reflect your love and kindness. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity!

Celebrating the Gospel

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.*

Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

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.*

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 interest in the Savior'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?*

*'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.*

*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!*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

*No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

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

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

*Long in darkness Israel wandered; long in mortal shadows, we
Walked in bondage and self-pity, trod in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets' words He told us, long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us from the hands of all our foes.*

CHORUS:

*Every valley be exalted! Every mountain be made plane!
Crooked ways repent and straighten; all creation bend in praise!*

*He shall raise a mighty Savior; born of David's lineage, He
Comes in cov'nant love to claim us from our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness. Life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness, to your pathways dawning peace!*

Chorus

*Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior, David's Son and yet his King,
Dawning light of our salvation, of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, Oh lame, and dance ye broken, know the Savior's healing grace;
Come, Oh deaf and hear him singing; turn, Oh blind, behold his face!*

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

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

Community and Events

Announcements:

Today: **Worship Concert** - at 6pm with Wendell Kimbrough. Bring your family to worship together with Psalms-inspired hymns.

Youth Group [grades 6-12] - No Youth Group

Tuesday: **Women in the Word** - 7:30pm at the church. We are studying the book of Zechariah. See Annie Burdine or Cherylyn Howard for more info.

Thursday: **Men's Bible Study** - 7:30pm at the church. Join us as we study the Psalms.

Saturday: **Women in the Word** - Join us at 8am - Contact Cindy Zerfass for location information.

Fall Registration (Nursery-12) - Links can be found on our website under the WVKids tab and in the Weekly Reminder.

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 (Mark@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:

Camp Olympic Picnic - Plan to join us for our worship service and picnic on August 27th at Camp Olympic on Cedar Crest Blvd. More information to come!

Opportunities to Serve:

Teachers and Nursery Volunteers for 2017-18 - If you are interested in helping teach or volunteer in the nursery for the 2017-18 school year, please contact Derek. Include your age group of interest.

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*