



August 20, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Generosity of God

Called to Worship

Psalm 145:14-18

The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

**The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down**

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

**You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

**The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

The Lord is gracious and compassionate

The Lord is gracious and compassionate
Slow to anger and rich in love (repeat)

And the Lord is good to all
And he has compassion
On all that he has made

And as far as the east is from the west
That is as far as he has removed
Our transgressions from us (repeat)

Praise the Lord
Oh my soul
Praise the Lord (repeat)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:43-48 (page: 811)

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: Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he has lavished upon us.

Celebrating the Gospel

I Come By the Blood

You are the perfect and righteous God
Whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to your holy place
How can I enter in when your presence bears no sin

Through him who poured out his life for me
the atoning Lamb of God
Through him and His work alone, I boldly come!

*I come by the blood, I come by the cross
where your mercy flows from hands pierced for me
For I dare not stand on my righteousness
My every hope rests on what Christ has done
And I come by the blood*

You are the high and exalted King
the One the angels fear
So far above me in every way
Lord, how can I draw near
to the One the angels fear

Through him who laid down his life for me
and ascended to your side
Through him through Jesus alone, I boldly come!

Declaring Our Faith: 1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Psalm 126

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

Although we are weeping
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

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.*

Consecrated by the Word

Mr. David Royes

Title: When Grace Disturbs

Text: Jonah 4 (page: 775)

Notes: _____

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

Communion in Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

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Announcements:

Tuesday: **Women in the Word** - 7:30pm at the church. See Annie Burdine or Cherilyn Howard for more info.

Thursday: **Men's Bible Study** - 7:30pm at the church.

Saturday: **Women in the Word** - 8am at Panera Bread in Trexlertown. Contact Ellen Pearce for more info.

Next Sunday: **Camp Olympic Celebration & Picnic** - 10.30am at Camp Olympic Park off Cedar Crest Blvd.

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:

Family Friday Night - Friday, September 29th. Dessert, fellowship and teaching for grown ups and kids!

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*