



September 3, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: New Life in Christ

Called to Worship

Call to worship: Psalm 100:1-3

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Father long before creation

1. Father long before creation

Thou hadst chosen us in love

And that love so deep, so moving

Draws us close to Christ above

Still it keeps us, still it keeps us

Firmly fixed in Christ alone

2. Though the world may change it's fashion

Yet our God is e'er the same

His compassion and His cov'nant

Through all ages will remain

God's own children, God's own children

Must for ever praise His name.

3. God's compassion is my story

Is my boasting all the day

Mercy free and never failing

Moves my will, directs my way

God so loved us, God so loved us

That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee

We will ever praise Thy love

And our songs will sound unceasing

'Til we reach our home above

Giving glory, giving glory

To our God and to the Lamb

Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:16-20 (page 61)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have given us a sure hope and future, yet we confess that we have set out hope on other things: money, family, success, pleasure. Forgive us for breaking your Law and putting these things ahead of you. By your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on your promises and to lead holy lives as we await Christ's return. In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Assurance: Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

How deep the Father's love for us

1. How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory
2. Behold the Man upon the cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished
3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Declaring our faith: Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Jesus shall reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For Him shall endless prayer be made.
And princes throng to crown His head,
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Where He displays His healing power
Death and the curse are known no more;
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

Come to the feast

Go to the highways and hedges
go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel, the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city
bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time

*Come to the feast, come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered
Dressed in his pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt
So come by your Father be blessed

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 Cor 9:7)

Arise, Shine for your light has come

Arise Shine for your light has come
and the glory of God is on you
Arise, see when the earth grows dark
that the Lord will arise upon you
The Lord will arise upon you

*Nations will come to your light
lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together and come to you
and your love will be all that we know
Your love will be all that we know*

Arise, come to the open gates
for the Father is welcoming you
Fear not for the Lord brings peace
and redemption to all who believe
Redemption to all who believe

The sun will not shine
cause you'll be all the light that we need
And violence will end
all the wars that we wage will cease
We will glorify Your name
We will glorify Your name

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Please join us for a coffee and refreshments following the service!

This week:

Tuesday: **No women's Bible study** – our fall study in Exodus will begin September 12th

Thursday: **No men's Bible study** – begins September 14th

Saturday: **Women's Bible study** - 8am at Panera Bread in Trexlertown. Contact Ellen Pearce for more info.

Next Sun: The Baptism of Ellie Coyle

Announcements:

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

Growth Groups - 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@west-valleypres.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.

Adopt a Student – Come along next Sunday to find out how students can connect with families from West Valley.

Upcoming Events:

Family Friday Night – Friday, September 29th at 6pm. Dessert followed by teaching for grown ups and activities for our kids.

Marriage Seminar – Saturday, October 21st 9am-11.30am. Christian Counselor Jeff Stark will be teaching on the *Biblical basics for a healthy marriage*.

Men's retreat – Save the date: November 17th-18th. Tim Witmer will be sharing insights from his book, *The Shepherd Leader at Home*.

More details regarding the events here at West Valley can be found on our website: www.westvalleypres.org

Memory Verse

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

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