



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 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Dessert followed by teaching for grown ups and activities for our kids.

**Marriage Seminar** – Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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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at home, at work and in our communities  
through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*