



October 8, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Church of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to worship: 1 Peter 2:4-5

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord!
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-7 (page 1016)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Celebrating the Gospel

My Heart Is Filled

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace whose ev'ry thought is love
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King
So I will give my life, my all to love and follow him

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.

The Ordination and Installation of Derek Coyle

Questions for Ordination:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you known your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of God shall make you an overseer?

Question to the Session:

1. Do you, the session of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive, Derek Coyle, whom you have called to be your assistant pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your assistant pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

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 Corinthians 9:7

Take My Life And Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold:
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will, and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sister, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Please join us for lunch following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

Today: **Church Luncheon** – after the service

No Youth Group

Tuesday: **Woman’s Bible study** – 7.30pm at church.

Thursday: **Men’s Bible study** – 7.30pm at church.

Saturday: **Women’s Bible study** - 8am at Panera (Trexlerstown)

Announcements:

Playground Group - We will meet at Alton Park on Oxford Dr. in Allentown on the 2nd/4th **Thursday** of the month at 10:30am.

Adopt a Student – Sign up at the back if you’d like to host a college student or if you’re a student who’d like to connect with a family.

Discipleship Focus: Life at Home

Marriage Seminar – Saturday, October 21st 9am-11.30am. Speaker: Christian Counselor Jeff Stark will be teaching on the *Biblical basics for a healthy marriage*. Sign up at westvalleypres.org/marriage.

Men’s retreat – Save the date: November 17th-18th. Tim Witmer will be sharing insights from his book, *The Shepherd Leader at Home*. Sign up at www.westvalley.org/retreat

Small Groups:

Bible Studies – This fall our men’s and women’s Bible studies will be exploring the book of Exodus. See details above.

Growth Groups - These groups meet regularly to discuss the sermon: *Sundays, 4pm* and *Fridays, 6.30pm*, see Pastor Mark for more information.

Young Adults Group – Meets for lunch and Bible study every other week, Sunday at 12pm at the Howards’. Contact: brian.stenson@dm.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*

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