



October 15, 2017

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: The Faithfulness of Christ*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to worship: Psalm 136:1-3**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good

**For his steadfast love endures forever**

Give thanks to the God of gods

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords

**For his steadfast love endures forever**

### **10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)**

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul, worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

### CHORUS

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

### CHORUS

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

### CHORUS

**Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-11 (page 152)**

## Confessing our Sin

### Prayer of Confession

**God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved you or loved our neighbor as you have commanded. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Celebrating the Gospel

### O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme conquer every rebel pow'r  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin had no ears to hear Your voice  
did not know Your love within had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life opened up Your Word to me  
through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n glorify Your Name through me

### Declaring the Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

*What is your only comfort in life and death?*

**That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be

#### **CHORUS:**

Great is Thy faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

### **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.**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

*Sunday school classes for pre-K, K-1 and 2-3 grades are available during the sermon.*

*If you are visiting us, please fill out one of the welcome cards in front of your seat and drop it in the offering plate when it's passed.*



## **Jesus What A Friend For Sinners**

Jesus what a Friend for sinners  
Jesus Lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me  
He, my Savior, makes me whole

### Chorus

Hallelujah what a Savior  
Hallelujah what a Friend  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end

Jesus what a Strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in Him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing  
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins

Jesus what a help in sorrow  
While the billows o'er me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul

Jesus I do now receive Him  
More than all in Him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness  
I am His, and He is mine

## Communion in Sacrament

### **The Lord's Supper**

*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28*

### **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 Corinthians 9:7*

## **How Firm A Foundation**

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can he say than to you he hath said  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with you oh be not dismayed  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flame shall not hurt thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to His foes  
That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

## 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.

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

## Community and Events

### This week:

- Today:**        **Young Adults Group** – 12pm at the Howards’  
                      **Youth Group** – 6:30-8 pm
- Tuesday:**     **Woman’s Bible study** – 7.30pm at church.
- Thursday:**    **Men’s Bible study** – 7.30pm at church.
- Saturday:**    **Marriage Seminar** – 9am-12pm [breakfast at 8:30]  
                      Speaker: Christian Counselor Jeff Stark will be teaching  
                      on the *Biblical basics for a healthy marriage*. Sign up at  
                      [westvalleypres.org/marriage](http://westvalleypres.org/marriage)

### Announcements:

**Membership Class** – Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> details to follow

**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

**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*. Sign up at [www.westvalley.org/retreat](http://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](mailto: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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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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