



October 22, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Truthfulness of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to worship: John 4:23

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah!

Halleluhah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise
I will sing the glorious praises of my God thru all my days
Put no confidence in princes nor for help on man depend
He shall die, to dust returning and his purposes shall end

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid
He is blest whose hope of blessing, on the Lord his God is stayed
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see
Well Jehovah loves the righteous and the stranger He befriends
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise
I will sing the glorious praises of my God thru all my days
Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King
Unto Him thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing

Scripture Reading: Numbers 23:19 (page 132)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

God of all truth, we confess that we have not been truthful people: we have been careless with our words, scheming in our thoughts and deceptive in our deeds. You always speak truth, but we have spoken lies; you always keep your promises, but we have broken ours. According to your promise in Christ Jesus, forgive our sins, and by the Spirit of truth help us to reflect your trustworthy character. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 103:10-12

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Celebrating the Gospel

When I survey the wondrous cross

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On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Declaring the 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.**

Oh, Give Thanks to the Lord

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

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.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture: Matthew 5:33-37 (page 810)

Message: The Truthful Life

Pastor Derek Coyle

Notes: _____

We will feast in the house of Zion

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We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood—

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,

my soul be not afraid;

For the promised morning, Oh how long!

O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,

You are the faithful One;

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together, bring shalom.

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

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 pow’rful hand;

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,

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.

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.

Commission: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Benediction: Psalm 3:8

Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

- Today:** **Youth Group** – 6:30-8.00pm at church
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:

Membership class – Interested in becoming a member of West Valley? Come and find out more on Sunday, November 12th, 11am – 2pm (lunch provided).

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

Book discussion – Saturday, November 11th at 2pm. Come and discuss the fall recommended book *The Gospel-Centered Family* by Tim Chester. For info contact Liz at wezeigenfus@gmail.com

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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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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