



October 29, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Self-Giving Love of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Praise The Lord

*Praise the Lord all you nations
Extol Him all you peoples
For great is His love for us*

*Praise the Lord He is faithful
His love endures forever
And great is His love for us*

Sing of song of praise to God enthroned on High
Bow before the Kings of the angels
His mercy and His love His justice will be known
Lift a song of praise to the Lord

Boldly shout His praise for He has rescued us
Sin and death no more can enslave us
His beauty and His power displayed at Calvary
Lift a song of praise to the Lord

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (page 1015)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offences and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Celebrating the Gospel

More Than Conquerors

Your faultless blood has washed our sinned-stained hearts
Your living word is changing who we are
Your endless grace runs deeper than our faults
Your true relentless love has conquered all
Nothing can prevail against the power of the Lord our God

*In everything we are more than conquerors
Because of who you are and all you've done
And everything has changed and death has lost its sting
Because you died and rose again for us*

Your perfect life restores us from the fall
Your nail pierced hands reach out to heal us all
Your empty grave has broken Satan's hold
Your Spirit now renews and makes us whole
Nothing can prevail against the power of the Lord our God

The story of my life will be: Jesus crucified and resurrected

Declaring the Faith:

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am Him and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Receiving New Members: Meghan Martin

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12

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

It is Family Worship Sunday, a class for pre-K is available during the sermon. There is a sermon-based sheet in the back as well as other activity sheets for those who remain in the service.

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.

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 (repeat)
We will glorify Your name
We will glorify Your name

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benedictions: Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

***Do not forget to turn your clocks back for Daylight Savings
next Sunday, November 5th ***

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This week:

- Today:** **Young Adults Group** – 12pm at the Howards’
 Youth Group – 6:30-8:00 pm 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 12, 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 reading: *The Gospel-Centered Family* by Tim Chester. RSVP to Liz at weziegenfus@gmail.com or text 484-522-4826

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 **Deadline to sign up next Sunday, November 5th**

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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