



November 5, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Sacrificial Love of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand
All creation holds together by the power of your voice
Let the skies declare your glory let the land and seas rejoice

*You're the Author of creation, You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands*

Yet you left the gaze of angels came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross
With a prayer you fed the hungry with a word you calmed the sea
Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free

With a shout you rose victorious wresting vict'ry from the grave
And ascended into heaven leading captives in your way
Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:1-9 (page 524)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved you from the heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have shown us mercy, but we have been harsh and unforgiving. You show love to all, but we show favor only to our friends. Our hearts are corrupt and we are guilty. Please forgive us and cleanse us from our sin. Help us by your Spirit to reflect your love and kindness. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 5:2

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Celebrating the Gospel

Satisfied

All my life long I had panted
for a drink from some cool spring
that I hoped would quench the burning
of the thirst I felt within

*Hallelujah He has found me
the One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings
through his blood I now am saved*

Feeding on the filth around me
'till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better
only still to hunger on

Poor I was and sought for riches
something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me
only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth
my Redeemer is to me

Declaring the Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I Will Sing Praise to God

I will sing praise to God. He has lifted me up
He heard my cry for help and He filled my cup

*His favor extends for a lifetime,
His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise forever more
My soul shall sing His praise forever more*

I'll put my trust in Him, God my refuge and strength
For when my life seems lost He will show me the way

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 5:38-48 (page 810)

Message: The Self-Forgetful Life

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

Jesus Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You (repeat 4x)

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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion.

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.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

- Today:** **Prayer Night** – 6-7pm at church
 Youth Group –7-8pm at church, after Prayer Night
- 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).

Operation Christmas Child – Please take an empty box at the back of church, fill it, and return by **Sunday, November 19th**.

Food Drive – We are collecting 150 boxes of hot chocolate for the East Penn Angel Network, an organization that provides assistance to local families in need. Please bring in boxes **by December 3rd**.

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 weziengenfus@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 is today!**

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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