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# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: The Love of the Father*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 130:7-8**

O Church, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem His people from all his iniquities.

### **Father Long Before Creation**

Father long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love  
And that love so deep, so moving  
Draws us close to Christ above  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone

Though the world may change it's fashion  
Yet our God is e'er the same  
His compassion and His cov'nant  
Through all ages will remain  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must for ever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story  
Is my boasting all the day  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb

**Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-15 (page 155)**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. By our actions and attitudes we condone what you condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance: John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

## Celebrating the Gospel

### **Thy Mercy My God**

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness my spirit revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

### **Declaring the Faith: Psalm 23**

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head**

**with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**O Worship The King**

O worship the King, all glorious above  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light and canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**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.*



## **I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)**

For God alone, I wait in silence;  
My soul is still before the Lord  
He is my rock and my salvation,  
My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

*I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,  
For all my hope is in His love.  
From God alone comes my salvation;  
I wait and trust His steadfast love!*

Put not your hope in gain of riches;  
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.  
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,  
Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge  
And trust in Him to hear you cry.  
No other hope will never fail you;  
No other love will not run dry.

## **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*

## **On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land  
where my possessions lie

*I am bound, I am bound  
I am bound for the promised land*

O'er all those wide extended plains  
shines one eternal day  
there God the Son forever reigns  
and scatters night away

No chilling winds or poisonous breath  
can reach that healthful shore  
sickness and sorrow, pain and death  
are felt and feared no more

When I shall reach that happy place  
I'll be forever blest  
for I shall see my Father's face  
and in his bosom rest

**Commission: Ephesians 5:2**

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Benediction: Romans 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways, “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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



## 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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