



December 31, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus: The Unrivaled King

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:29-31

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Come, people of the Risen King

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Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

*Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age
"Our God is all in all"

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (page 151)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gone our own way and have not loved you as we should, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to do those things that we should have done, and we have done what we should not have done. We have broken your commands and justly deserve your condemnation. Father, we are truly sorry. For the sake of Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past. By your Spirit turn our hearts to love you and to love our neighbors. Help us to live a godly and obedient life for your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Celebrating the Gospel

In you, O Lord, I am found

O Lord, you know me and search me out:
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.

*In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.*

I know not all my own heart and mind,
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;
I long for you but from you I hide.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight
And night overtakes my troubled mind
In darkness you, my Daylight will shine

Before my birth, you composed my frame.
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;
You wrote with love each one of my days.

Where can I run from your love so deep,
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?
No height, nor depth can separate me:

Declaring the Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

The Solid Rock

My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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.

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.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Benediction: Number 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

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This week:

Today: **Salvation Army Dinner –11:30am** at Bethlehem Salvation Army.

Announcements:

Christianity Explored – If you are interested in finding out more about Jesus or want a refresher on the basics of the Christian faith, please sign up to receive info about our upcoming Christianity Explored course at www.westvalleypres.org/ce

Small Groups:

Bible Studies – Watch this space for details of our winter Bible studies series, beginning in January.

Growth Groups - These groups meet regularly to discuss the sermon, 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.

****** Bible Studies will resume later in the New Year ******

Memory Verse

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

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