



January 7, 2018

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God our Creator

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:6-8

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

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 for ever

And great is his love for us

Sing a song of praise to God enthroned on High
Bow before the King 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

First Scripture Reading: Acts 17:22-31 (page 926)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have exchanged the truth about you for a lie; we have worship and served created things rather than you, our loving Creator. Because of this our lives are empty, our relationships are broken and we deserve your judgment. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. By your Spirit, help us to trust in you and live for your glory. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Celebrating the Gospel

The Hope Of The Poor

The Lord is a home for all the oppressed
In times of trouble and need.
To all who will come and trust in His name,
A refuge and strength He will be.

*The needy will not be forsaken,
And the hope of the poor will not die;
For God who is mighty in judgment
Does not forget their cry!*

Arise, O my Lord and answer my call;
My heart cries out to be heard!
I've no other hope than your gracious love;
I trust and cling to your word.

*The Lord has heard our cry! The Lord has heard our cry!
The Lord has not forsaken us; The Lord has heard our cry!*

So sing out to God who sits on the throne,
Proclaim his marvelous ways!
Our rescue has come! For all he has done,
We offer our lives in praise!

Declaring the Faith: WCS 9-10

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Q. 10. How did God create man?

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres
This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas his hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world the birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white declare their maker's praise
This is my Father's world he shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass he speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring God reigns; let the earth be glad

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: Genesis 1:1-2:3 (page 1)

Message: The Foundation of Creation *Pastor Mark Howard*

Notes: _____

And Can It Be

And can it be, that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me

*Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me*

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For, O my God, it found out me

Long my imprison'd spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed with righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own

Communion in Sacrament

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

Hallelujah For The Cross

Up to the hill of Calvary
My Savior went courageously
And there he bled and died for me,
Hallelujah for the cross
And on that day the world was changed
A final, perfect lamb was slain
Let earth and heaven now proclaim,
Hallelujah for the cross

*Hallelujah for the war He fought.
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought.
Hallelujah for the cross*

What good I've done could never save.
My debt too great for deeds to pay
But God, my Savior, made a way,
Hallelujah for the cross
A slave to sin, my life was bound,
But all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down,
Hallelujah for the cross

And when I breathe my final breath,
I'll have no need to fear that rest
This hope will guide me into death,
Hallelujah for the cross

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

Next Sunday: Young Adults – 12pm at Howard's

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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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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