



January 21, 2018

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: The Creator's Glory*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 8:1-2**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

### **Praise To The Lord**

Praise to the Lord,  
The Almighty the King of creation  
O my soul, praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord!  
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings  
Yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the Amen sound from His people again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

### **First Scripture Reading: Psalm 8 (page 450)**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance: Psalm 32:1-2**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!  
Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

## Celebrating the Gospel

### **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.

### **Declaring the Faith: WSC 11-12**

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.**

**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

**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.*



## **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

## 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*

## **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

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission: Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

### **Benediction: Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope

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

**This week:**

**Today:**           **Youth Group** – 6:30-8pm at church

**No Bibles Studies This Week**

**Friday**           **Friday Night Fellowship**- 6-7:30pm at church

**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](http://www.westvalleypres.org/ce)

**Friday Night Fellowship - January 26th, 6pm-7:30pm.** An opportunity to connect over dessert and to be challenged and encouraged as we consider how to serve and share Christ at work. Sign up at the back of church or online at [westvalleypres.org/friday](http://westvalleypres.org/friday)

**Host a Japanese Exchange Student** - March 19-26 - AHLI are looking for host families for 8th and 9th grade students visiting to learn about our culture. For more information see the flier at the back or contact Rosanne Kelsall ([rosannek@amhomelife.org](mailto:rosannek@amhomelife.org))

**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](mailto:brian.stenson@dm.org).

## 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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