



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.

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 1:26-2:3 (page 1)

Message: Dignity, Duty, and Destiny

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

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

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

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)

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.

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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