



January 28, 2018

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Grace of God in Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-5

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

For the beauty of the earth,

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

*Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To our race so freely given
For that great great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven.

First Scripture Reading: Romans 6:5-14 (page 942)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, Give us a deeper repentance, a horror of sin, a dread of its approach. Help us to flee it. We have no Master but you, no law but your will, no delight but yourself, no wealth but what you give, no good but what you bless, no peace but what you bestow. We are nothing but what you make of us, we have nothing but what I receive from you. We can be nothing but that grace adorns me. Quarry me deep, dear Lord, and then fill me to overflowing with living water. Amen

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Celebrating the Gospel

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

Declaring the Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Glorious and mighty

Majesty, Your glory is shining
Brighter than the moon and the stars
Marveling, we honor and fear You
Above all gods

*Glorious and mighty
You're awesome In beauty
Joyful songs we raise*

*Glorious and mighty
You're awesome in beauty
Greatly to be praised*

Majesty, You fashioned the heavens
Your decrees can never be changed
Over all the plans of the nations
Your judgments reign

Majesty, we'll sing with creation
When You come again in the clouds
Every knee will bow down and worship
The one true God

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.

Jesus, I my cross have taken,

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken. Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition, God and Heaven are still mine own

Let the world despise and leave me they have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me Thou art not like them untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me 'twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure with Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee, Abba, Father I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather all must work for good to me

Soul then know Thy full salvation rise o'er sin and fear and care Joy to
find in every station something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are
thine Think that Jesus died to win thee child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory armed by faith, and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

Today: **Young Adult's Group** – 12pm at the Howards'

Youth Group – 6:30-8pm at church

Tuesday: **Women's Bible Study** – 7:30pm at church

Thursday: **Men's Bible Study** – 7:30pm at church

Saturday: **Women's Bible Study** – 8am at Panera, Trexlertown

Announcements:

Host a Japanese Exchange Student - March 19-26 - AHLLI 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)

Library – New Resources! The church library was recent restocked with lots of great new resources. Please see the flyer for more info.

Prayer Night – Rescheduled to Sunday, February 11th, 6pm-7pm.

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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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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