



October 16, 2016

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Pursuing Grace

Called to Worship

Psalm 145:8-9

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate
Slow to anger and rich in love
(repeat)*

*And the Lord is good to all
And he has compassion
On all that he has made*

*And as far as the east is from the west
That is as far as he has removed
Our transgressions from us
(repeat)*

*Praise the Lord, Oh my soul. Praise the Lord
(repeat)*

(repeat all)

*Praise the Lord, Oh my soul. Praise the Lord
(sing 3 times)*

*The Lord is gracious and compassionate
Slow to anger and rich in love
(repeat)*

Confessing our Sin

Acts 3:17-19

And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unyielding, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Declaration: Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Celebrating the Gospel

Draw Me Deeper

CHORUS:

*Draw me deeper into You, Lord Jesus
Take me closer to the cross where You bled and died
Share with me the fellowship of Your suffering
For I desire abundant life . Jesus I desire abundant life*

*You have only one Identity
I have tried to make You be the God I want
So I am guilty of idolatry
Now I desire to know just who You really are*

Chorus

*There is only one Reality
So I will set my heart and mind on things above
I am living for eternity
Gently tear my heart from all my earthly loves*

Chorus with repeat

*For I desire abundant life
Jesus I desire abundant life*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:3-10

This is Love

*Teach us how to love
Teach us how to give and to receive real love
For everyone who loves
is born of God and knows God*

*Teach us of Your grace
Teach us how to give and to receive true grace
Pour it into us
Pour it out among us*

*God's own Son, our salvation
Love has come
for every nation of the world*

*And this is love, amazing love
Not that we loved You
but that You loved us*

*And this is grace
Magnificent, redeeming grace
Joining us in flesh
and washing us in blood*

Show Your Power

*He is the Lord and He reigns on high
He is the Lord
Spoke into the darkness, creating the Light
He is the Lord*

*Who is like unto Him, never ending in days
He is the Lord
And He comes in power when we call on His name
He is the Lord*

*Show Your power
Oh, Lord, our God
Show Your power
Oh, Lord, our God*

*Your Gospel, oh, Lord is the hope for our nation
You are the Lord
It's the power of God for our salvation
You are the Lord*

*We ask not for riches but look to the cross
'Cause you are the Lord
And for our inheritance give us the loss
You are the Lord*

*Show Your power
Oh, Lord, our God
Show Your power
Oh, Lord, our God*

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

I Have a River

CHORUS:

*I have a river, A river of life
Flowing inside of me and it never runs dry
I have a treasure, A glorious prize
The Spirit of God in me in abundant supply*

*Spirit You are my living water
And I'll never need
What this world offers
So I will rejoice
For You have made me glad
I want this world
To want what I have*

Chorus

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Chorus

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelu - You are the river

Compelled to Go Out

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

We welcome you to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service.

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Community and Events

This week at West Valley:

Today: **Christianity Explored:** want a refresher on the basics or have a friend whod like to know more about Jesus? Christianity Explored is a 7 wk course from 3:30-5pm today. Please contact Chip Buck (610-504-9624) for more information.

Youth [grades 7-12]: Please join us Sunday nights at 6:30pm, starting tonight, as we study God's Word and enjoy time together. We will be looking at John's Gospel to answer the question "Who is Jesus?"

Tuesday: **Women in The Word:** please join us as we discuss Romans 3 from 8pm-9:30pm at the home of Amy Miller.

Thursday: **Men's Bible Study:** join us from 7:30pm-9pm at the church building to discuss Romans 4.

Upcoming Events:

October 23rd: **Help serve a meal at the Salvation Army,** Bethlehem following the service. Other opportunities to serve include 11/20 and 12/18. Please contact Alice Kim to sign up!

October 30th: **Family Worship Sunday**

Opportunities to Serve:

Hired hands: Would you like to 'hire' a college student to do some yard work or babysitting? College students are raising money to go to DiscipleMakers' Fall Conference (Oct 21st-23rd). Talk to Tim after the service or contact him at: 570-955-9777.

More details regarding the events here at West Valley can be found on our website: www.westvalleypres.org.

To receive our weekly event email please contact office@westvalleypres.org.

Memory Verse

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

-Acts 1:8

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