



September 04, 2016

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Wisdom of God

Called to Worship

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth."

Come People of the Risen King

*Come, people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in
Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice*

*Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace
Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice*

*Come, young and old from every land men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age "Our God is all in all"
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One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice*

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Confessing our Sin

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Prayer of Confession

God of peace: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration: 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Celebrating the Gospel

Before the Throne of God Above

*Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart*

*When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me*

*Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God*

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (page: 952)

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*

Greeting and announcements

Welcome! Visitors, we're so happy you joined us this morning. If you desire, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as it's being passed. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Prayer for the congregation and the world

Consecrated by the Word

Pastor Mark Howard

Text: Proverbs 9:1-18 (page: 533)

Title: The Appeal of Wisdom

Notes: _____

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

*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*

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

Glorified in Me

*You are glorified in me when I am satisfied in You
And surely I am satisfied in You
(repeat)*

*All of my days I'll be amazed by everything You are
Yes, everything You are
Is good for my soul. It's making me whole
It's making me who I'm made to be
You've opened my eyes now I'm satisfied
This is the life that's life indeed*

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Compelled to Go Out

Benediction: Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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: **Communion Sunday**

WV kids promotion Sunday

Teacher Meeting: teachers, please join us after the service for a quick meeting regarding the schedule, Q/A and time of prayer for the upcoming year.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 15th **Men's Bible Study:** join us from 7:30pm-9pm at the church building to start our discussion on Romans 1-7.

Sept. 20th **Women in The Word:** please join us as we begin our study on Romans 1-7 from 8pm-9:30pm at Amy Miller's house.

Sept. 25th **Christianity Explored:** want a refresher on the basics or have a friend who'd like to know more about Jesus? Our next Christianity Explored 7 wk course will begin Sunday, Sept 25th. More details to follow.

Child Registration: Parents, have you registered your kids for the fall? Please email Derek for the links.

Opportunities to Serve:

Nursery volunteers, please sign up for openings during the Fall <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4baba72eaafe3-wvkids4?1472085337933>

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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