



September 18, 2016

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Christ the Solid Rock

Called to Worship

Psalm 91:1-2

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*A mighty fortress is our God a bulwark never failing
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great and, armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal*

*Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side the Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sabaoth, His Name from age to age the same
And He must win the battle*

*And though this world, with devils filled should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure for lo, his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him*

*That word above all earthly powers no thanks to them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go this mortal life also
The body they may kill God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever*

Confessing our Sin

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration: John 6:37

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

Celebrating the Gospel

Come All Ye Pining

*Lord we adore thy boundless grace the heights and depths unknown
Of pardon life and joy and peace in thy beloved son*

CHORUS:

*Come all ye pining hungry poor the Saviors bounty taste
Behold a never failing store for every willing guest*

*O wondrous gifts of love divine dear source of every good
Jesus in thee what glories shine how rich thy flowing blood*

Chorus

*Here shall your numerous wants receive A free a full supply
He has unmeasured bliss to give and joys that never die*

Chorus with repeat

Scripture Reading

Hallelujah for the Cross

*Up to the hill of Calvary My Savior went courageously
and there he bled and died for me, Hallelujah for the cross
And on that day the world was changed a final, perfect lamb was slain
Let earth and heaven now proclaim, Hallelujah for the cross*

CHORUS:

*Hallelujah for the war He fought. Love has won, Death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought. Hallelujah for the cross*

*What good I've done could never save. My debt too great for deeds to pay
But God, my Savior, made a way, Hallelujah for the cross
A slave to sin, my life was bound, but all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down, Hallelujah for the cross*

Chorus

*And when I breathe my final breath, I'll have no need to fear that rest
This hope will guide me into death, Hallelujah for the cross*

Chorus with repeat

*hallelujah for the cross
(repeat two more times)*

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

The Solid Rock

*My Hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name
On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

*When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil
On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay
On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne
On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

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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

Your Love is Amazing

*Your love is amazing steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded Your love carries me*

CHORUS:

*Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
(repeat)*

*Your love is surprising. I can feel it rising
All the joy that's flowing deep inside of me
Every time I see You all Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God-song rising up in me*

Chorus, repeating three times

Compelled to Go Out

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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

Community and Events

This week at West Valley:

- Tuesday: **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.
- Thursday: **Men's Bible Study:** join us from 7:30pm-9pm at the church building to discuss Romans 1:1-17.
- Saturday: **Women's Prayer Breakfast,** from 8:30am-10am at the home of Amy Miller. Please join your fellow sisters in Christ for a wonderful time of food, fellowship and prayer! Kindly RSVP to Amy Miller (484-560-2758) or Liz Ziegenfus (weziegenfus@gmail.com).

Upcoming Events:

- 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 from 3:30-5pm. Please sign up at the back or pick up a postcard to pass along to a friend.

Opportunities to Serve:

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

Adopt a college student! It's an opportunity for our church family to be a home-away-from-home for college students living away from their family. We want to match up willing families with students in an adoptive/mentor relationship. Not only will the student be impacted, but your family will too! Students and families, please sign up on the back table.

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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