



October 09, 2016

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Love for His People

Called to Worship

Psalm 100:1-3

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies\
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good
Lord! How Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn mine eye
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that man can be thou God art present there*

Confessing our Sin

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Declaration: 1 Peter 2:10

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Celebrating the Gospel

How Deep the Fathers Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us

How vast beyond all measure

*That He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure*

How great the pain of searing loss

Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross

My sin upon His shoulders

*Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers*

*It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished*

His dying breath has brought me life

I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything

No gifts, no power, no wisdom

*But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection*

*Why should I gain from His
reward*

I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart

*His wounds have paid my ransom
(repeat last four lines)*

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:25-27 (page: 978)

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
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb*

Membership, 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

Pastor Mark Howard

Text: Acts 2:42-47 (page: 911)

Title: The Goal of the Mission

Notes:

I Will Sing Praise to God

*I will sing praise to God. He has lifted me up
He heard my cry for help and He filled my cup
His favor extends for a lifetime, His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise forever more*

*I'll put my trust in Him, God my refuge and strength
For when my life seems lost He will show me the way
His favor extends for a lifetime, His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise forever more*

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Tithes and Offerings

Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come

*Arise Shine for your light has come and the glory of God is on you
Arise, see when the earth grows dark that the Lord will arise upon you
The Lord will arise upon you*

CHORUS:

*Nations will come to your light lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together and come to you and your love will be all that we know
Your love will be all that we know*

*Arise, come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you
Fear not for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe
Redemption to all who believe*

Chorus

*The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need
And violence will end all the wars that we wage will cease
(repeat)*

We will glorify Your name. We will glorify Your name

Chorus with repeat

Compelled to Go Out

Benediction: Psalm 3:8

Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

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

Community and Events

This week at West Valley:

- Today: **Christianity Explored:** want a refresher on the basics or have a friend who'd 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.
- Tuesday: **Women in The Word:** please join us as we discuss Romans 1:18-2:29 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 3.

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:

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 contact Amanda Stetka (onescrappycat@hotmail.com) to sign up!

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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