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West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's promise of forgiveness

Called to Worship

Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Praise the Lord - Psalm 117

CHORUS:

*Praise the Lord all you nations extol him all you peoples
For great is his love for us
Praise the Lord he is faithful His love endures for ever
And great is his love for us*

*Sing a song of praise to God enthroned on High
Bow before the King of the angels
His mercy and His love his justice will be known
Lift a song of praise to the Lord*

Chorus

*Boldly shout his praise for he has rescued us
Sin and death no more can enslave us
His beauty and his power displayed at Calvary
Lift a song of praise to the Lord*

Chorus with repeat

Confessing our Sin

Jeremiah 31:33-34

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

Declaration: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Celebrating the Gospel

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

1) *Dear refuge of my weary soul
On Thee when sorrows rise
On Thee when waves of trouble roll
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel*

2) *But oh when gloomy doubts prevail
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God where shall I flee
Thou art my only truest
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust*

<p>3) Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face And shall I seek in vain And can the ear of sovereign grace Be deaf when I complain No still the ear of sovereign grace Attends the mourner's prayer Oh may I ever find access To breathe my sorrows there</p>	<p>4) Thy mercy seat is open still Here let my soul retreat With humble hope attend Thy will And wait beneath Thy feet Thy mercy seat is open still Here let my soul retreat With humble hope attend Thy will And wait beneath Thy feet</p>
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Scripture Reading

And Can It Be

*And can it be, that I should gain an int'rest in the Saviour's blood
 Died He for me, who caused His pain for me, who Him to death pursued
 Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me*

*He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace
 Emptied Himself of all but love and bled for Adam's helpless race
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free for, O my God, it found out me
 Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me
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*Long my imprison'd spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night
 Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray I woke, the dungeon flamed with light
 My chains fell off, my heart was free I rose, went forth, and followed Thee
 Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me
 Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me*

*No condemnation now I dread Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
 Alive in Him, my living Head and clothed with righteousness divine
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne
 And claim the crown, through Christ, my own
 Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me
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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

In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone Who took on flesh
Fullness of God In helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ In me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
(repeat last 4 lines)*

Tithes and Offerings

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.

Come to the Feast

Chorus:

*Come to the feast, come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

*Go to the highways and hedges go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel, the sick and the well for our Father's house will be filled*

*Go to the streets of the city bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace must come and waste no more time*

Chorus

*In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered dressed in his pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt so come by your Father be blessed*

Chorus with repeat

Compelled to Go Out

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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 (610-967-0678) for more information.

Thursday: **Men's Bible Study:** join us from 7:30pm-9pm at the church building to discuss Romans 1:18-2:29.

Upcoming Events:

October 11th: **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.

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!

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 sign up on the back table.

Hired hands: College students are raising money to go to DiscipleMakers' Fall Conference (Oct 21st-23rd). Would you like to 'hire' a college student to do some yard work or babysitting? 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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