

West Valley Presbyterian Church

worship as communal exchange. Trinity God renews us, and we respond

called to come in

God comes near and calls his people out of the world, and takes hold of us and brings us into the community of Himself.

SONG: How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed

CHORUS:

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art. How great Thou art Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art. How great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin

CHORUS

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation And take me home what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

CHORUS

How great Thou art. How great Thou art

we hear. from 130;1-5

(leader) Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD!

(all) O Lord, hear our voice!

(leader) Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

(all) But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

(leader) Wait for the LORD.

(all) My soul waits, and in his word I hope.

we respond . SONG: Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night Jesus, I come; Jesus I come Into Thy freedom, gladness and light Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss Jesus I come, Jesus I come Into the glorious gain of Thy cross Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of earth's sorrows and into Thy balm Out of life's storms and into Thy calm Out of distress into jubilant psalm Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride Jesus I come, Jesus I come Into Thy blessed will to abide

Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love Out of despair into raptures above Upward forever on wings like a dove Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb Jesus I come, Jesus I come Into the joy and light of Thy home Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the depths of ruin untold Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold Ever Thy glorious face to behold Jesus, I come to Thee Jesus, I come to Thee

confessing our sin

God the Spirit reminds us that God the Father has saved us through the righteous life and sacrificial death of Christ the Son - and in faith we rest on his gracious interest to renew us yet again.

we hear. James 4:6b-10

(leader) God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

we confess . Luke 18:13

(all) God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Amen.

we rest . SONG: Thy Mercy My God
Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here Sin would reduce me to utter despair But through Thy free goodness my spirit revive And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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DECLARATION: Isaiah 51:11

(leader) And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

consecrated by Word

God declares the finished gospel of his Son, and continues his powerful, internal work of change/consecration by his Spirit.

new member (Adam Geiger), greeting, children and announcements

PCA Book of Church Order 57-5:

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save his sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and its peace?

People: Will you seek to love well this member of the body: bearing his brokenness/sin, sharing your weakness, holding him accountable to the Word – for the glory of Christ, the Head of the body?

we hear. Dave Royes

Title: Knowing for Certain

Text: I John 2:1-11 (black NIV Bible page: 862/ blue ESV Bible page: 1021)

- 1. Certainty: A Theological Test
 - a. Jesus: the righteous advocate
 - b. Jesus: the sufficient wrath-bearer
- 2. Certainty: A Moral Test
 - a. treasuring and keeping his Word
 - b. increasingly seeing character of Jesus
- 3. Certainty: A Relational Test

What dangers could arise if John had only written the first or second half of 1 John 2:1? Which of these 'tests' are we most inclined to ignore?

we respond . SONG: 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)

SONG: (offering) Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone
Amazing grace, How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

CHORUS:

My chains are gone. I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures

CHORUS with repeat

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine But God, Who called me here below will be forever mine. Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

compelled to go out

God blesses us and charges us go out and extend his kingdom into the broken world around us, making disciples of all nations.

benediction . adapted from Luke 18:14

May you return to your house justified, declared righteous by the righteousness that comes from God in Jesus, for the one who humbles himself, will be exalted. Amen.