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# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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

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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.

we hear . from Lamentations 3:21-24

*(leader) But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:*

**The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.**

*(all) The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.*

*(leader) His mercies never come to an end!*

*(all) His mercies never come to an end!*

*(leader) They are new every morning.*

*(all) They are new every morning.*

*(leader) Great is your faithfulness!*

*(all) Great is your faithfulness!*

*(leader) "The LORD is my portion," says my soul*

*(all) The LORD is my portion.*

*(leader) "therefore I will hope in him."*

*(all) therefore I will hope in him!*

we respond . SONG: Across the Lands

*You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand*

*All creation holds together by the power of your voice*

*Let the skies declare your glory let the land and seas rejoice*

**CHORUS:**

*You're the Author of creation You're the Lord of ev'ry man  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands*

*Yet you left the gaze of angels came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross*

*With a prayer you fed the hungry with a word you calmed the sea  
Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free*

**CHORUS**

*With a shout you rose victorious wresting vict'ry from the grave  
And ascended into heaven leading captives in your way*

*Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own  
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home*

**CHORUS with repeat**

the Nicene creed,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

we respond . SONG:A Mighty Fortress

*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

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 and confess. Philippians 2:11-12, Galatians 5:1-3, 16-17

*(leader)* Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law...

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

we rest . SONG: Arise My Soul Arise

*Arise, my soul, arise shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears  
Before the throne my Surety stands  
Before the throne my Surety stands  
My name is written on His hands*

**CHORUS**

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

*He ever lives above for me to intercede  
His all redeeming love His precious blood, to plead  
His blood atoned for every race  
His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace*

## CHORUS

*Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me  
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry  
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry  
Nor let that ransomed sinner die*

*The Father hears Him pray His dear anointed One  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son  
The Spirit answers to the blood  
The Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God*

## CHORUS

*My God is reconciled His pardoning voice I hear  
He owns me for His child I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
And Father, Abba, Father, cry*

## DECLARATION: 2 Peter 3:13

*(leader)* But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

consecrated by Word

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

greeting, children and announcements

we hear . Dave Royes

*Title: The Apostolic Message*

*(Black NIV Bible page: 862 / Blue ESV Bible page: 1021)*

*Text: 1 John 1:5-2:1*

### *1. A Treasured Truth about God*

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### *2. A Sober Truth about ourselves*

*a. Lie #1: "Sin does not break fellowship with God"*

*b. Lie #2: "Sin does not exist in my nature"*

*c. Lie #3: "Sin does not show in my conduct"*

### *3. An Unbelievable Truth about Jesus*

*What other implications are meant to be drawn from the statement  
'God is light'?*

*Which of the lies in the passage do you think are most prevalent?*

we respond . SONG: Jesus Thank You

*The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me*

**CHORUS:**

*Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You*

*By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend*

*Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end*

*Lover of my soul I want to live for You*

**CHORUS**

SONG: Be Thou My Vision (offering)

*Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one*

*Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine Inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art*

*High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all*

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 . 2 Corinthians 3:18

So day by day, do not lose heart! For we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. Amen.