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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: 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.*

we hear . Psalm 130:1-5

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

(all) O Lord, hear our voice!

(leader) When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that
you are mindful of him? Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our
plea 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: The Wonderful Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God
all the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to his blood*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet. Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all*

CHORUS:

O the wonderful cross

Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live

O the wonderful cross

All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all

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: New Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

CHORUS:

Praise God, Praise God

Praise God who saved my soul

Praise God, Praise God

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim

The power and might of His great Name

Let us exalt on bended knee

Praise God the Holy Trinity

CHORUS

Praise to the King His throne transcends

His crown and kingdom never end

Now and throughout eternity

I'll praise the One Who died for me

CHORUS

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

DECLARATION: Ephesians 5:2

(leader) And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Text: 1 John 2:18-28 (black NIV Bible page: 862 / blue ESV Bible page: 1021)

Title: Child or Counterfeit?

1. The Reality of Anti-Christ

a. A Denial

b. A Departure

2. The Marks of Children

a. _____ of truth

b. _____ in apostolic message

3. The Call to Confidence

*Why is it easy to affirm the idea of God but deny the Biblical Jesus?
What are other implications of the word 'abide'?*

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) Come Thou Fount

*Come Thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it mount of God's unchanging love*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer here by thy great help I'm come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it seal it for Thy courts above*

*O that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry take my ransomed soul away
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day*

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 . Philippians 3.9-10

May you be found in Jesus, not having a righteousness of your own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.