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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.*

## SONG: This is My Father's World

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!*

## we hear . from Romans 12:1-2

*(leader)* By the mercies of God, come. Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God!

*(all)* O God, un-conform us to this world so that we can. Transform and renew our minds to know and worship you.

we respond . SONG: Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

*Halleluhah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises, of my God thru all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes, Nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.*

*Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid  
He is blest whose hope of blessing On the Lord his God is stayed  
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, Seas and all that they contain  
He delivers from oppression, Righteousness He will maintain*

*Food He daily gives the hungry, Sets the mourning pris'ner free  
Raises those bowed down with anguish, Makes the sightless eyes to see  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, And the stranger He befriends  
Helps the fatherless and widow, Judgment on the wicked sends*

*Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises, Of my God thru all my days  
Over all God reigns forever, Thru all ages He is King  
Unto Him thy God O Zion, Joyful hallelujahs sing*

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 re-  
new us yet again.

we hear . Titus 3:3-13

(leader) For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

we confess . from Titus 3:3-13

(all)

O Lord who knows, I once was foolish.

disobedient.

led astray.

a slave to passions and pleasures

passing my days with malice and envy

hated and hating others...

Help us to believe that when Jesus and his goodness and lovingkindness appeared, it was because you are a God who would save us from ourselves in a broken world.

Help us to believe that it is not by our desperate effort to work and change, but according to your mercy, through the washing of your Holy Spirit with the righteousness of Jesus.

Help us to believe unto good works of responsive gratitude. 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:Titus 2:11-14

*(leader)* For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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 . Matthew Coleflesh

*Title: How to Be an Ambassador*

*Text: Esther 1:1-5, 10-12; 2:1-17*

God calls the Christian into intensely secular settings  
in order to be an ambassador for God's Kingdom with the gospel.

### **The Setup**

*Point: Esther and Mordecai obtain positions of \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Empire.*

### **The Crisis**

*Point: The Jewish people as a geopolitical group are in danger of being  
\_\_\_\_\_ by royal decree.*

### **The Showdown**

*Point: God's \_\_\_\_\_ represented by Esther versus the  
world \_\_\_\_\_ represented by King Ahasuerus.*

1. Look for God's \_\_\_\_\_
2. Don't waste your \_\_\_\_\_
3. Be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_

we respond . SONG: My Jesus I Love Thee

*My Jesus, I love Thee I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer, My Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus, 'tis now*

*I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon On Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright  
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now.*

SONG: (offering) 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  
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 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ; the love of God [the Father]  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.