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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: 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

*and great is his love for us*

we hear . from Psalm 119

*(leader)* This is our comfort in our affliction, that your promise gives me life. When we think of your Word from of old, we take comfort, O LORD.

*(all)* Let your steadfast love comfort us according to your promise to your servants

we respond . SONG: Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

*Come boldly to the throne of grace, Ye wretched sinners come;  
And lay your load at Jesus' feet, And plead what he has done.*

*“How can I come?” Some soul may say, “I'm lame and cannot walk;  
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh but dare not talk.”*

*Come boldly to the throne of grace, Though lost, and blind, and lame;  
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, And ever was the same.*

*He makes the dead to hear his voice; He makes the blind to see;  
The sinner lost he came to save, And set the pris'ner free.*

*Come boldly to the throne of grace, For Jesus fills the throne  
And those he kills he makes alive; He hears the sigh or groan.*

*Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know The hell of sin within,  
Come boldly to the throne of grace; The Lord will take you in, take you in*

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 . from Lamentations 1:16, 17, Jeremiah 31:31-34

*(leader)* "For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;  
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my spirit...

Zion stretches out her hands, but there is none to comfort her...

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But 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."

we confess . prayer for mercy

*(all)* Lord have mercy. Comfort us. Forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more. Lay it all on Jesus, the sacrificial Passover lamb. Give us new covenant life - that we may be fully your people, as you are our God. Amen.

we rest . SONG: How Firm A Foundation

*How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can he say than to you he hath said  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled*

*In every condition in sickness and in health  
In poverty's vale or abounding in wealth*

*At home and abroad on the land on the sea  
As thy days may demand shall my strength ever be*

*Fear not, I am with you oh be not dismayed  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go  
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow  
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flame shall not hurt thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine*

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to His foes  
That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never, no never no never forsake*

**DECLARATION: from Psalm 32:1-2**

*(leader)* Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!

*(all)* Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

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 . . . Pastor Mark Howard**

*Text: Ephesians 3:14-21 (black NIV Bible page: 828 / blue ESV Bible page: 977)*

*Title: How Will We Grow?*

*How many sermons have you heard? What difference has it made?*

***Paul prays for...***

***The powerful, inward work of the Holy Spirit... (vs. 16-17)***

***To drive the Word of God from our heads to our hearts... (vs. 18)***

***And out into our lives (vs. 19)***

we respond . SONG: Our Song from Age to Age

*Oh God of power, living Word  
The One who made the stars  
Who with Your glory filled the earth  
From dust made beating hearts  
You loved us when we fell away  
Poured mercy on our souls  
And promised grace would come to save  
To loose death's iron hold*

*You are our song from age to age  
Our voices unite to recount Your praise  
Again and again*

*Oh God of promises fulfilled  
The God who took on flesh  
Who did all that the Father willed  
Was humbled unto death  
You bore our cross of sin and shame  
Endured our agony  
With gladness we now bear Your name  
And worship at Your feet*

*You are our song from age to age  
Our voices unite to recount Your praise  
Again and again  
(repeat)*

*Oh God, who surely guides our steps  
Through tempests and through trials  
Our Shepherd King, Your way is best  
Though tears now veil our eyes*

*Your steadfast love, our perfect hope  
Our eyes are fixed on grace  
We have no doubt You'll lead us home  
To finally see Your face*

*You are our song from age to age  
Our voices unite to recount Your praise  
Again and again  
(repeat)*

*Oh God of all of history  
Enthroned in realms of light  
What eyes of faith have strained to see  
Will one day fill our sight  
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns  
Before the Savior's feet  
And sing as all the heav'ns resound  
For all eternity*

*You are our song from age to age  
Our voices unite to recount Your praise  
Again and again  
(repeat)*

SONG: (offering) Come Thou Everlasting Spirit.

*Come Thou everlasting Spirit  
Bring to every thankful mind  
All the Savior's dying merit  
All His sufferings for mankind*

*Come Thou Witness of His dying  
Come Remembrancer divine  
Let us feel Thy power applying  
Christ to every soul, and mine*

*True Recorder of His passion  
Now the living faith impart  
Now reveal His great salvation  
Preach His Gospel to our heart*

*Come Thou Witness of His dying  
Come Remembrancer divine  
Let us feel Thy power applying  
Christ to every soul, and mine*

*Let us groan Thine inward groaning  
Look on Him we pierced, and grieve  
All receiving the grace atoning  
All the sprinkled blood receive*

*Come Thou Witness of His dying  
Come Remembrancer divine  
Let us feel Thy power applying  
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communion in Sacrament

God invites us into his community to share in his covenant table – and we respond by enjoying his renewing, preemptive heavenly feast. Acts 20.7; I Corinthians 11.23–28

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 . Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.