

December 13, 2015



West Valley Presbyterian Church

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

Theme: Moving from worry to wisdom in evangelism

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-3

(leader) Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

(song) 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

prayer

(song) Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*1) Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!*

*2) Christ, by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time, behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King*

*3) Hail the heavenly Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King*

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Isaiah 49:5-6

(leader) And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

prayer of confession

(all) Almighty God, we thank you for sending your Son to be the Savior of the nations. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

declaration: Hebrews 9:26, 28

(leader) Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Having been offered once to bear the sins of many, He will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

(song) Satisfied

*All my life long I had panted
for a drink from some cool spring
that I hoped would quench the burning
of the thirst I felt within*

CHORUS:

*Hallelujah He has found me
the One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings
through his blood I now am saved*

*Feeding on the filth around me
'till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better
only still to hunger on*

Chorus

*Poor I was and sought for riches
something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me
only mocked my soul's sad cry*

Chorus

*Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth
my Redeemer is to me*

Chorus with repeat

greeting, children and announcements

prayer for the congregation and the world

CONSECRATED BY THE WORD

Pastor Mark Howard

Text: Colossians 4:2-12

Title: Secure Enough to Share Christ

Sharing Christ this Christmas...

1. *Pray (2-4)*
2. *Prioritize (5)*
3. *Prepare (6)*
4. *Partner (7-18)*

Notes: _____

- 1. Write out the names of two people you want to share Christ with this Christmas.*
- 2. Think and pray about how you might do this e.g. by inviting them to church, giving them a Christian book, having them over for dinner with a Christian friend.*

(song) From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

*From the squalor of a borrowed stable
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Savior of the human race
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n
Shepherds listen as the angels tell of the
Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel*

*King of heaven now the Friend of sinners
Humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit
Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain
Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again
I will follow my Immanuel*

*Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished for a world's transgressions
He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath, He fights for me
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell
And with a shout our souls are free
Death defeated by Immanuel*

*Now He's standing in the place of honor
Crowned with glory not he highest throne
Interceding for His own beloved
Till His Father calls to bring them home
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms
Giving glory to Immanuel*

(song and offering) Angels we have Heard on High

*Angels we have on heard high
Sweetly singing ore the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise
Gloria in excelsis Deo
(repeat)*

COMPELLED TO GO OUT

benediction . 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

(leader) May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.