



West Valley Presbyterian Church

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

Theme: The great gift of forgiveness

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-5

(leader) Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

(song) O Worship the King

*1. O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise*

*2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm*

*3. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain*

4. *Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend*

prayer

(song) Come Ye Sinners

1. *Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love and pow'r*

2. *Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome
God's free bounty, glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh*

3. *Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him*

4. *Come, ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all*

5. *I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are ten thousand charms*

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Jeremiah 31:33-34

(leader) 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."

prayer of confession

(all) Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

declaration: Colossians 1:13-14

(leader) He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(song) Thy Mercy My God

1. *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 affections and bound my soul fast*

2. *With out thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive
And he that first made me still keeps me alive*

3. *Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by the goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found*

4. *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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greeting, children and announcements

prayer for the congregation and the world

CONSECRATED BY THE WORD

Pastor Mark Howard

Text: Mark 2:1-17 (page: 837)

Title: News for a Surprising Audience

1. *The bigger problem*
 - *A remarkable twist (1-5)*
 - *A reasonable challenge (6-7)*
 - *A revealing question (8)*
2. *The bolder solution (5, 9-12)*
3. *The blinding pride (13-17)*

Notes: _____

Why is sin such a serious problem?
Evading, excusing or endorsing - which of these do you tend to do with your own sin?
Why is it so hard to come clean, and to seek forgiveness?

COMMUNION IN SACRAMENT

(song) Jesus Paid it all

1. I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

CHORUS:

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

3. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb

Chorus

4. And when, before the throne
I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save"
My lips shall still repeat

Chorus with repeat

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(all) Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

(song and offering) Dawning Light of Our Salvation

*1. Long in darkness Israel wandered
Long in mortal shadows, we
Walked in bondage and self-pity
Trod in paths of sin and grief
In the prophets' words He told us
Long the God of Israel spoke
He alone in strength would save us
From the hands of all our foes*

CHORUS:

*Every valley be exalted
Every mountain be made plane
Crooked ways depend and straighten
All creation bend in praise*

*2. He shall raise a mighty Savior
Born of David's lineage, He
Comes in cov'nant love to claim us
From our sins to set us free
Light to those who dwell in darkness
Life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness
To your pathways dawning peace*

Chorus

*3. Jesus, Lord and mighty Savior
David's Son and yet his King
Dawning light of our salvation
Of your saving pow'r we sing
Stand, Oh lame, and dance ye broken
Know the Savior's healing grace
Come, Oh deaf and hear him singing
Turn, Oh blind, behold his face*

Chorus

COMPELLED TO GO OUT

benediction . 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

(leader) Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.