West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's generosity

Called to Worship

Acts 17:24-25

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

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 staved 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 eves 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

Exodus 20:1-2, 15 and Ephesians 4:28

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery... You shall not steal."

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, we are thankful for your great mercy. 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: Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Celebrating the Gospel

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer; Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

<u>Jesus, Thank You</u>

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend The agonies of Calvary You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin Jesus, thank You The Father's wrath completely satisfied Jesus, thank You Once Your enemy now seated at Your table Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near Your enemy You've made Your friend Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You (repeat x 4)

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Greeting and announcements

Welcome! Visitors, we're so happy you joined us this morning. If you desire, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as it's being passed. We hope you enjoy your visit.

Prayer for the congregation and the world

Consecrated by the Word

Pastor Mark Howard

Text: Mark 6:30-56 (page: 841) Title: News of God to the Rescue

Notes:_____

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield; Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

Tithes and Offerings

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go I rest my weary soul in thee I give thee back the life I owe that in thine ocean depths its flow May richer fuller be

O light that foll'west all my way I yield my flick'ring torch to thee My heart restores its borrowed ray that in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain I cannot close my heart to thee I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head I dare not ask to fly from thee I lay in dust life's glory dead and from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

We welcome you to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service.

This week at West Valley:

- Today: **Baby Bottle Campaign**, a fundraiser with Care Net Lehigh Valley Pregnancy Support Centers. Help us share hope with women and men facing an un planned pregnancy. Pick up and fill a baby bottle with spare change, bills and/or a check and return it by June 19th. It's that easy to participate and change a life forever!
- Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 7:30pm-9pm
- Thursday: Men's Bible Study, 7:30pm-9pm
- Saturday: Sexual Maturity and Relationship Truths for Kids. May 14th from 9:30am-12pm West Valley will be hosting a seminar, run by Care Net, to help parents think through discussing sexuality with their children. For more information speak to Alice Kim or sign up at the back of Church. Childcare will be available on request.

Upcoming Events:

May 21st Men's Social, more details to follow.

May 29th Family Worship Sunday

BOOK DRIVE this month for new church library! Help stock the shelves and bring used (or new!) books, CDs, DVDs, and even jigsaw puzzles and board games. Collection boxes can be found around the church.

Volunteers for Morning Sliders! We need 2 more volunteers to help runs the slides on Sunday mornings. Commitment is limited to one 30 minute training session; serving about one Sunday every 6 weeks; and showing up at 8.30am on the days you serve. Your service will be highly impactful for the congregation, yet low-key and out of the limelight. Please contact Pastor Mark or Kelly Lundquist.

More details regarding the events here at West Valley can be found on our website: www.westvalleypres.org.

To receive our weekly event email please contact office@westvalleypres.org.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

-John 15:5

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