

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's goodness amid trials

## Called to Worship

#### Psalm 34:1-13

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

#### Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper

The King of creation thy work and defend thee

O my soul, praise Him

For He is the health and salvation

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee

All ye who hear Ponder anew

Now to His temple draw near What the Almighty can do

Praise Him in glad adoration If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things Praise to the Lord! O let all that is

so wondrously reigneth in me adore Him

Shelters thee under His wings All that hath life and breath, come now

Yea, so gently sustaineth with praises before Him

Hast thou not seen Let the Amen

How all your longings have been sound from His people again
Granted in what He ordaineth Gladly for aye we adore Him

# Confessing our Sin

## 1 Peter 2:11-12

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

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: 1 Peter 2:24-25**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## Celebrating the Gospel

#### **Come Thou Fount**

Come Thou Fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy, never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by thy great help I'm come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy goodness, like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to Thee Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it Prone to leave the God I love Here's my heart, O take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face Clothed then in blood-washed linen How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace Come, my Lord, no longer tarry Take my ransomed soul away Send thine angels now to carry Me to realms of endless day

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34 (page: 463)

## 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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## **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: 1 Peter 2:11-3:12 (page: 1015) Title: Living in Exile: The Fight

The inward struggle (2:11)

Notes:

#### Communion in Sacrament

#### When Trials Come

When trials come, no longer fear
For in the pain, our God draws near to
Fire a faith worth more than gold
And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told

Within the night, I know Your peace The Breath of God brings strength to me and New each morning mercies flow As treasures of the darkness grow As treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to wisdom not my own
For every battle You have known
My confidence will rest in You
Your love endures Your ways are good
Your love endures Your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost I see the triumph of the cross So in it's shadow I shall run 'Til He completes the work begun 'Til He completes the work begun

One day all things will be made new I'll see the hope you've called me to And in Your Kingdom paved with gold I'll praise Your faithfulness of old I'll praise Your faithfulness of old

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

## **Tithes and Offerings**

## 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

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# Compelled to Go Out

# **Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

## Community and Events

This week at West Valley:

Monday: Women in The Word, 10:00am-11:30am (child

care provided)

Thursday: Men's Bible Study, 7:30pm-9:00pm

Saturday: WVPCA fun at Ricketts Glen State park!

**Upcoming Events:** 

July 31st Family Worship Service

**Library Opening**, following the service.

August 3rd Women's Fellowship: Join us at 10am for the

play: The Little Mermaid at DeSale's Shakespeare Festival. Tickets are \$5 (ages 3 and up). Please see or contact Amy Miller or Annie Burdine for more

information or to order tickets.

#### **Opportunities to Serve:**

**Serve a meal at the Salvation Army** - in Bethlehem following the church service 7/24/16 and 8/21/16. See or contact Alice Kim for more information.

Summer Kids Program Teachers: Over the summer we take a break from our usual Sunday morning kids curriculum and run a program that requires little or no prep for teachers. If you have taught before or would like to try it out for the first time, please sign up via this link in the email or contact Derek at WVKids@westvalleypres.org for more info. Note: our child-protection policy requires we perform background checks for all teachers.

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.

## **Memory Verse**

"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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