

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Our great need for a Savior

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:5-8

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

Arise My Soul Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands My name is written on His hands

> Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above for me to intercede His all redeeming love His precious blood, to plead His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary They pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me Forgive him, O forgive, they cry, Forgive him, O forgive, they cry Nor let that ransomed sinner die

The Father hears Him pray His dear anointed One He cannot turn away the presence of His Son The Spirit answers to the blood, The Spirit answers to the blood And tells me I am born of God

My God is reconciled His pardoning voice I hear He owns me for His child I can no longer fear With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh And Father, Abba, Father, cry

First Scripture Reading: Romans 1:18-25 (page 939)

Confessing our Sin

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.

Words of Assurance: 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

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Declaring the Faith: WSC 13-16

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14. What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners poor and wretched Weak and wounded sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity joined with power He is able, He is able He is willing; doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance Every grace that brings you nigh Without money, without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden Bruised and broken by the fall If you tarry 'til you're better You will never come at all Not the righteous, not the righteous Sinners, Jesus came to call Let not conscience make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requires Is to feel your need of Him This He gives you, this He gives you Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended Pleads the merit of His blood Venture on Him; venture wholly Let no other trust intrude None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Greeting and Announcements

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7 (page 2)

Sunday school classes for pre-K, K-1, and 2-3 grades are available during the sermon.

If you are visiting us, please fill out one of the welcome cards in front of your seat and drop it in the offering plate when it's passed.

Consecrated by the Word

Notes:	Message: The Declaration of Independence Pastor Mark Howard
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Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me Let me hide myself in thee; Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfil thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears for ever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress, Helpless, look to thee for grace; Foul, I to the Fountain fly; Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.

Tithes and Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

The Love Of God

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.

When hoary time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall, When men who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call, God's love so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race— The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & 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.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

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Community and Events

This week:

Today: Prayer Night – 6-7pm at church

Youth Group – 7-8pm after prayer night

Tuesday Women's Bible Study – 7:30pm at church

Thursday Men's Bible Study – 7:30pm at church

Saturday Women's Bible Study – 8am at Panera, Trexlertown

Next Sunday Annual Congregational Meeting- Join us at 11am as we look back on God's goodness over the last 12 months and look forward to where he is leading us in the months ahead. Followed by a church lunch (watch your inbox for more info from Kristen about lunch).

Announcements:

Host a Japanese Exchange Student - March 19-26 - AHLI are looking for host families for 8th and 9th grade students visiting to learn about our culture. For more information see the flier at the back or contact Rosanne Kelsall (rosannek@amhomelife.org)

Food Drive – We are looking to collect <u>150 boxes</u> of Mac N Cheese for the East Penn Angel Network. Please bring in boxes between **now and March 11th**.

Small Groups:

Bible Studies – Watch this space for details of our winter Bible studies series, beginning in January.

Growth Groups - These groups meet regularly to discuss the sermon, see Pastor Mark for more information

Young Adults Group – Meets for lunch and Bible study every other week, Sunday at 12pm at the Howards'. Contact: brian.stenson@dm.org.

Memory Verse

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims his handiwork."

Psalm 19:1

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