



February 18, 2018

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Promise of Rescue

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 130:7-8

O Church, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem His people from all his iniquities.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

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Lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along

O praise Him! Alleluia

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening, find a voice

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Thou flowing water pure and clear

Make music for thy Lord to hear

Alleluia Alleluia

Thou fire so masterful and bright

That givest man both warmth and light

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three in One

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

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

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace whose ev'ry thought is love
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King
So I will give my life, my all to love and follow him

Declaring the Faith: WSC 17, 20-21

Q. 17. *Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?*

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Q. 20. *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?*

A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

Q. 21. *Who is the redeemer of God's elect?*

A. The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n
occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
had no ears to hear Your voice
did not know Your love within
had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
opened up Your Word to me
through the gospel of Your Son
gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n glorify
Your Name through me

Receiving New Members:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

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

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

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-24 (page 2)

Message: Misery and Mercy

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

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

We Will Say In That Day

You will see there a highway from God's own hand
That will lead back the lost to the Promised Land;
And the voice of the Savior will call us friends,
Saying, "Join in the song of the Lord!"

We will call back our armies: "Return from war!"
And we'll make into plowshares our useless swords,
Very soon to for-get what they once were for,
When we join in the song of the Lord!

*We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"
We will not be afraid, for He comes to save.
We will shout; we will call every tribe and race,
"Come and join in the song of the Lord!"*

You will see there a banquet for sinners spread,
Where we'll sit with the Lord at the table's head;
And our Shepherd himself is our wine and bread.
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

When the remnant return to the promised land;
When the highway of God brings us home to Him;
We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior friend;
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: 2 Peter 3:13-14, 18

According to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

This week:

Today: No Youth Group

No Bibles Studies This Week

Friday Friday Night Fellowship- 6-7:30pm at church. Join us for an opportunity to connect over dessert and to be challenged and encouraged as we consider how to serve and share Christ at work. Sign up at the back of church or online at westvalleypres.org/Friday

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. A church lunch (hoagies and chips) will follow. We are asking those with last names A-L to please bring a dessert, and M-Z a side dish.

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 **150 boxes** of Mac N Cheese for the East Penn Angel Network. Please bring in boxes between **now and March 11th**.

Small Groups:

Bible Studies – Join us as we study Ephesians together.

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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*Growing disciples of Jesus
at home, at work and in our communities
through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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