



March 4, 2018

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: The Wisdom of God*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:8-9**

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **Behold Our God**

Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His Words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign

*You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth)*

### **First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 4:5-8 (page 148)**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have not trusted you with our whole heart; We have leaned on our own understanding and been wise in our own eyes; In our thoughts, words and deeds we have not acknowledged you and so our paths have been crooked before you. Forgive us our sins and teach us by you Spirit to fear you and to turn away from evil, to the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: 1 Corinthians 1:27-30**

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

Celebrating the Gospel

**Alas And Did My Savior Bleed**

Alas! and did my Saviour bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree!  
Amazing pity! grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut his glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died  
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While his dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'Tis all that I can do.

**Declaring the Faith: Psalm 19:7-11**

**The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**By them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward**

**How Firm A Foundation**

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can he say than to you he hath said  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled

In every condition in sickness and in health  
In poverty's vale or abounding in wealth  
At home and abroad on the land on the sea  
As thy days may demand shall my strength ever be

Fear not, I am with you oh be not dismayed  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go  
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow  
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flame shall not hurt thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to His foes  
That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

**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.*



## **Nothing But The Blood**

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon, this I see. Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea. Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone. Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done. Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace. Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness. Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus

Now by this I'll overcome. Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Now by this I'll reach my home. Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Glory! Glory! This I sing. Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
All my praise for this I bring. Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## Communion in Sacrament

*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28*

## **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**

*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*

## **Eternal Weight Of Glory**

Now the days and hours and moments  
Of our suffering seem so long;  
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring  
Threaten silence to our song.  
Now our pain is real and pressing  
Where our faith is thin and weak,  
But our hope is set on Jesus;  
And we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory!  
Oh inheritance divine!  
We will see our Lord redeeming  
Every past and future time.  
All our pains will be transfigured,  
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.  
We will see the weight of glory,  
And our broken years restored.

*For behold! I tell a myst'ry:  
At the trumpet sound we'll wake  
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"  
When we meet our King of Grace  
Every year we thought was wasted  
Every night we cried "How long?"  
All will be a passing moment  
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

We will see our wounded Savior.  
We'll behold him face to face;  
And we'll hear our anguished stories  
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission: Ephesians 5:15-16**

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is

### **Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*Our Special Congregational Meeting will begin 5 minutes after the close of the service.*

*Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the meeting!*

## Community and Events

### This week:

- Today:**           **Special Congregational Meeting** – immediately after the service
- Prayer Night** – 6-7pm at church
- Youth Group** – 7-8pm at church
- 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

### Announcements:

**Elder Nominations** – Nominations will be open **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** through **Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you are a member, you may nominate a candidate by visiting: [westvalleypres.org/elders](http://westvalleypres.org/elders)

**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](mailto:rosannek@amhomelife.org))

**Food Drive** – We are collecting **150 boxes** of Mac N Cheese for the East Penn Angel Network. Please bring in boxes by **March 11th**.

**Hope for Life 5k Run & Walk** - April 7th, 8am registration, 9am start. Hanover Township Community Center. For more info call 610-821-4000 ext 228 or visit [brighthousecenters.org](http://brighthousecenters.org)

"**Side by Side**" is a confidential support group for women who have been impacted by any sexual sin in their marriage. The group is hosted by Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg and meets on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, beginning April 12. Contact Yvonne at [ymshorb@gmail.com](mailto:ymshorb@gmail.com). Pre-registration is required.

### Small Groups:

**Bible Studies** – Join us as we study Ephesians together. See details above.

**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 Sunday at 12pm at the Howards'. Contact: [brian.stenson@dm.org](mailto:brian.stenson@dm.org).

## Memory Verse

*“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

John 10:11

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