



March 11, 2018

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: The God Who Leads*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 105:19-22**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

### **Here In This Place**

Lay your burden down,  
Every care you carry  
And come to the table of grace,  
For there is mercy.  
We come just as we are,  
Though we're all unworthy  
To enter Your presence, oh Lord,  
For You are holy

*We lift our hearts, we lift our hands,  
We fall on our knees and pray  
To the King of kings, for the love You bring  
Is here in this place  
We raise our voices, raise our song,  
We offer You our praise.  
You're the King of kings and the joy You bring  
Is here, You are here in this place*

Fill our lives with praise,  
Show us your forgiveness  
And give us the faith to believe  
That You've redeemed us  
You are Lord of all  
And we give You glory.  
All honor and power and praise,  
For You are worthy

### **First Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:1-10 (page 459)**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**When you would guide me I control myself**

**When you would be sovereign I rule myself**

**When you would take care of me I suffice myself**

**When I should depend on your provision I supply myself**

**When I should submit to your providence I follow my will**

**When I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself**

**I fault and correct your laws to suit myself...**

**Convince me that I cannot be my own God or make myself happy...**

**Take me to the cross and leave me there.**

### **Words of Assurance: Psalm 103:10-12**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## Celebrating the Gospel

### **Sin Is Powerless**

Subdue in me, the love of sin

Wash my life, without, within

Teach my soul to long for only You

Teach us Lord, to cling to the truth

*There is no guilt, no shame no hold on us*

*You are victorious*

*There is no curse, no blame no fear in love*

*now sin is powerless*

So fill my life to overflow

I claim the cross as all my hope

Teach my soul to long for only You

Teach us Lord, to cling to the truth

The Spirit that raised You up from the grave

Is in us, is in us

We're covered in grace our failures erased

In Jesus, in Jesus

### **Declaring the Faith:**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### **And Can It Be**

And can it be, that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood  
Died He for me, who caused His pain  
For me, who Him to death pursued  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me

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Long my imprison'd spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee

No condemnation now I dread  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine  
Alive in Him, my living Head  
And clothed with righteousness divine  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own

### **Installation of Chip Buck as Ruling Elder**

*Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*

Acts 20:28

### **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: 1 Timothy 3:1-7 (page 992)**

**Message: The Elder's Competence**

*Pastor Mark Howard*

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**The Solid Rock**

My Hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

**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*

## **Because He Lives**

God sent His Son, they called him, Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grace is there to prove my Savior lives!

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know, He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives!*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross that river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission and Benediction: Romans 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways, "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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

## Community and Events

### This week:

**Today:**           **Young Adults** – 12pm at Howard's, studying Judges

**Youth Group** – 6:30-8pm 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)

**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"** - 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.

**The Kindness Project** - provides resources to foster parents in our community. If you are interested in volunteering or donating children's/teens' clothing, toys, games, etc., contact Janae at [kindnessprojectlv@gmail.com](mailto:kindnessprojectlv@gmail.com).

## Memory Verse

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

John 10:11

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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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