



March 18, 2018

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God, our Shepherd

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Come People Of The Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

*Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land
Men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world, His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age
"Our God is all in all"

First Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18 (page 896)

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.

In You O Lord I Am Found

O Lord, you know me and search me out:
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;
I long for you but from you I hide.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight
And night overtakes my troubled mind
In darkness you, my Daylight will shine
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;
You wrote with love each one of my days.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?
No height, nor depth can separate me:
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Declaring the Faith: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Jesus Cast A Look On Me

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry

3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

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 Peter 5:1-5 (page 1016)

Message: The Elder's Calling

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last

Compelled to Go Out

Commission and 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!

This week:

- Today:** **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:

Women's Brunch - Join us for brunch on Saturday, April 21 to hear Shannon Fodale speak on "Joy for the Journey." More details to follow. See Liz Parker or Cherilyn Howard if you have questions.

Membership Class – Interested in becoming a member or finding out more about West Valley? Join our 4-week membership class **Sundays 11-11:45am** starting **Sunday, April 15th**.

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 brighthomecenters.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 4th Thursday of the month, beginning April 12. Contact Yvonne at 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.

Memory Verse

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

John 10:11

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