



March 25, 2018

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Cross of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Mark 11:9-10

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

O worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above
And gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

First Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (page 952)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offences and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

Celebrating the Gospel

O sacred Head now wounded

O sacred Head now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns Thine only crown
O sacred Head what glory
What bliss till now was Thine
Yet tho' despised and gory
I joy to call Thee mine

What Thou my Lord hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain
Mine mine was the transgression
But Thine the deadly pain
Lo here I fall my Savior
'Tis I deserve Thy place
Look on me with Thy favor
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace

My burden in Thy Passion
Lord Thou hast borne for me
For it was my transgression
Which brought this woe on Thee
I cast me down before Thee
Wrath were my rightful lot
Have mercy I implore Thee
Redeemer spurn me not

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee dearest friend
For this Thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end
O make me Thine forever
And should I fainting be
Lord let me never never
Outlive my love to Thee

Declaring the Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

There is a fountain filled with blood

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

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.

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

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*

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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 cleansing, this I see. Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon 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

Compelled to Go Out

Commission and Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

This week:

- Today:** **Young Adults** – 12pm at Howard's, studying Judges
 No Youth Group
- Tuesday** **Women's Bible Study** – 7:30pm at church
- Thursday** **No Men's Bible Study this week**
- Friday** **Good Friday Service** -7pm at church
 No Saturday Women's Bible Study

Announcements:

Women's Brunch - Join us for brunch on **Saturday, April 21** to hear Shannon Fodale speak on "Joy for the Journey." Sign up at the back of church or visit westvalleypres.org/brunch. 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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