



September 9, 2018

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: The Joy of Assurance*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 18:2-3**

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.**

### **Lift High The Name Of Jesus**

Lift high the name of Jesus,  
Of Jesus our King.  
Make known the power of His grace,  
The beauty of His peace.  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him.  
He lifted us to solid ground,  
To freedom from our sin.

*Oh sing my soul, and tell all He's done,  
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!*

Lift high the name of Jesus,  
Of Jesus our Lord.  
His power in us is greater than,  
Is greater than this world.  
To share the reason for our hope,  
To serve with love and grace,  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise.

Lift high the name of Jesus,  
Of Jesus our Light.  
No other name on earth can save,  
Can raise a soul to life.  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown.  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home.

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1-7 (page 615)**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Psalm 32:1-2**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!  
Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

Celebrating the Gospel

**The Power Of The Cross**

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath-  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suffering I am free  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love

*This, the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God-slain for us  
What a love! What a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

### **Declaring the Faith: from Romans 8**

**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.**

### **I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)**

For God alone, I wait in silence;  
My soul is still before the Lord  
He is my rock and my salvation,  
My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

*I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,  
For all my hope is in His love.  
From God alone comes my salvation;  
I wait and trust His steadfast love!*

Put not your hope in gain of riches;  
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.  
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,  
Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge  
And trust in Him to hear you cry.  
No other hope will never fail you;  
No other love will not run dry.

### **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, grades K-1, and grades 2-3 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 is passed.*



## **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

## **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*

## **O Church Arise**

O church, arise and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has giv-en.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—  
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

### Compelled to Go Out

#### **Commission: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18**

We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

#### **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!*

## Community and Events

### This week:

- Today:**           **Young Adults** – 12pm at the Howard’s  
                          **No Youth Group**
- 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:

**Serving West Valley Kids** –Interested in serving the kids at West Valley in the nursery or one of the classrooms or the youth? Contact Derek at [wvkids@westvalleypres.org](mailto:wvkids@westvalleypres.org) for more information.

**Welcome Team** - If you are interested in being part of the new Sunday morning Welcome Team speak with Jenn Stenson or email her at [jenn.stenson@dm.org](mailto:jenn.stenson@dm.org)

**September Prayer Bulletin** –Available at the back of church to encourage us to be faithful in prayer.

### Discipleship Focus: Life at home

*During the fall, we will focus on becoming better equipped to serve Christ at home. See the yellow flyer for details.*

**Bible Studies** - This week we will be studying Deuteronomy 1:1-3:11, *Trusting the Faithful and Powerful God*. Study guides available at the back of church.

**Friday Night Fellowship** –Friday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-7:30pm. Dessert followed by a discussion and kids activities. Pick up the “minizine” on our topic at the back of church and sign up at [westvalleypres.org/friday](http://westvalleypres.org/friday)

**Women’s Brunch – Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm.** Watch this space for more info.

**Men’s Retreat – Friday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - Saturday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.** More info to follow.

More information about Bible Studies and small groups can be found at:

**[www.westvalleypres.org/groups](http://www.westvalleypres.org/groups)**

Memory Verse

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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at home, at work and in our communities  
through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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