



September 16, 2018

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Pattern of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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

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 sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

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

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2 (page 1008)

Confessing our Sin

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

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds we have been healed.

Celebrating the Gospel

Rock Of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress,
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in 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.

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me

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.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 (page 986)

Message: Textbook Christianity

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

Come To The Feast

Go to the highways and hedges
Go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel, the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city
bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time

*Come to the feast, come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered
Dressed in his pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt
So come by your Father be blessed

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

May The Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

*May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes that we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaims

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: 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.

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:

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 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

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 4-6, *Loving the One God Alone*. Study guides available at the back of church.

Friday Night Fellowship –**Friday, Sept 28th, 6-7:30pm**. 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

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

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

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

www.westvalleypres.org/groups

Memory Verse

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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