



September 23, 2018

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God, our Father

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:4-6

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfil in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-33 (page 811)

Prayer of Confession

Loving heavenly Father, we confess that we are rebellious children: we have resisted your Fatherly care and discipline; we have not honored our earthly parents; we have failed to respect the authorities you have set over us. Thank you for the perfect obedience of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we have been adopted as your children. By your Spirit, help us to live as faithful members of your family. Help us to reflect your love in our homes. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 103:11-13

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

The Compassion Hymn

There is an everlasting kindness
You lavished on us,
When the radiance of heaven
Came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd
To leave their distress,
For Your streams of forgiveness
And the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting
You reached out Your hand,
As the lame ran to meet You
And the dead breathed again.
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow
And shared in our tears;
Heard the sigh of the weary,
Let the children draw near.

*What boundless love, What fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live An offering of praise
As we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary
And gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression
And the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering
And carried our grief,
As You pardoned the scoffer
And showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry
This gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice
And the valleys of need;
To be a voice of hope and healing,
To answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless
With the mercy of Christ.

Declaring the Faith: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

"Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name."

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres
This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world the birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white declare their maker's praise
This is my Father's world He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear him pass He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring God reigns; let the earth be glad

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.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 (page 986)

Message: Textbook Outreach

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

O light that foll'west all my way
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

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: Ephesians 1:17

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

This week:

Today: **Young Adults** – 12pm at the Howard’s

Youth Group– 6:30-8pm at church

No Weekly Bible Studies

Friday **Friday Night Fellowship** – 6-7:30pm at church

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 wkids@westvalleypres.org for more information.

Adopt a Student– Sign up at the back if you’d like to host a college student or if you’re a student who’d like to connect with a family.

Welcome Team - If you are interested in being part of the 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 - Bible studies won’t meet this week but will resume the week of 10/1. 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.

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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