

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Life Together in Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 133:4-6

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Psalm 34 (Taste And See)

Magnify the Lord with me Come exalt His name together Glorify the Lord with me Come exalt His name forever

I sought the Lord and He answered me And delivered me from every fear Those who look on Him are radiant They'll never be ashamed, They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me And saved me from my enemies The son of God surrounds his saints He will deliver them, He will deliver them

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good Oh blessed is He who hides in him Oh fear the Lord all of you saints He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18 (page 97)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

God of peace: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Celebrating the Gospel

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands Who has numbered every grain of sand Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice

> Behold our God seated on His throne Come let us adore Him Behold our King nothing can compare Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord Who can question any of His Words Who can teach the One who knows all things Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands Bearing all the guilt of sinful man God eternal humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior risen now to reign

Declaring the Faith: 1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one Foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish
Is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

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

Today is family worship Sunday. Nursery is available throughout the service and a pre-K class during the sermon. Activity sheets for the older kids are available at the back of church.

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 2:17-3:13 (page 986)

Message: Textbook Investing	Pastor Mark Howard
Notes:	
	

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 given. 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

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

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name let Angels prostrate fall Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race ye ransomed from the fall Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all

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 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

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.

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

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 8-10, *Do Not Forget The Lord*. Study guides available at the back of church.

Friday Night Fellowship – Friday, Oct 26th, 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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Growing disciples of Jesus at home, at work and in our communities through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement

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