



November 25, 2018

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: God, our refuge*

## 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.

### **O Lord, My Rock And My Redeemer**

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-27 (page 812)**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**When you would guide me I control myself  
When you would be sovereign I rule myself  
When you would take care of me I suffice myself  
When I should depend on your provision I supply myself  
When I should submit to your providence I follow my will  
When I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself  
I fault and correct your laws to suit myself  
Convince me that I cannot be my own God or make myself happy  
Take me to the cross and leave me there.**

### **Words of Assurance: 1 John 2:1-2**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## Celebrating the Gospel

### **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.

## **Declaring our 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.**

## **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be

*Great is Thy faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

## **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: Psalm 46 (page 471)**

**Message: God, Our Refuge**

*Rev. David Royes*

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## **He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in his holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
when He comes at last

## **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.

### Compelled to Go Out

#### **Commission & Benediction: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen

*Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!*

**This week:**

**Today: No Youth Group**

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study – 7:30pm at church**

**Saturday Women's Bible Study – 8am at Panera, Trexlertown**

**Next Sunday The Baptism of Preston Latta**

**Announcements:**

**Food Drive** - We are collecting 150 boxes of hot chocolate for East Penn Angel Network, an organization that provides assistance to local families in the school district. Please bring boxes by **NEXT Sunday, December 2nd**.

**The Installation of David Royes** – will take place on Sunday, December 9th

**Young Adults Group** – Join us next Sunday (December 2<sup>nd</sup>), 12pm at the Howards for lunch and a study in Acts 6.

**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** – Check your inbox for details of Bible studies this week.

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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