



January 6th, 2019

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Hope for the future

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

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

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20 (page 1004)

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Declaring our Faith: Psalm 19:7-11

**The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
By them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood, of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sab-a-oth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the bat-tle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to un do us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word will fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Him Who with us sideeth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is for ever.

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.

Christ The Sure and Stead Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor
in the fury of the storm;
when the winds of doubt blow through me,
and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow,
when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on;
when temptation claims the battle,
and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then, goes the anchor,
though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, o my soul now,
lift your eyes to Calvary!
This my ballast of assurance,
see His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
as we face the wave of death;
when these trials give way to glory,
as we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon,
clouds behind and life secure;
and the calm will be the better,
for the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation,
ever faithful, ever true;
we will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

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

All Glory Be To Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be, All glory be to Christ!

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & 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 stay for coffee and refreshments following the service!

This Week:

- Today:** **Prayer Night** - 6pm-7pm at church
 No youth group this week
- 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

Discipleship Focus: Life At Work

This winter our focus will be on living for Christ at the various places we work. Here are a few things we have planned. See the green flyer for more info.

Friday Night Fellowships – A family-friendly way to connect over dessert and discuss important topics like relationships at work, sharing the gospel at work and true success at work. January 25th, February 22nd and March 29th, 6pm-7:30pm (including kids activities).

Bible Studies – Our own work is only meaningful because of the work of Christ. Therefore, the midweek men's and women's studies will start back up in the new year with a series in *Luke's Gospel*.

Sermon Series – Growing Faith (Genesis 12-25) – As we consider the life of Abraham, Genesis provides some gritty, realistic insights into what it means to 'grow strong in faith' (Romans 4:20).

Women's Brunch – Saturday, March 9th, 9am-12pm. Speaker: Ellen Dykas (Harvest USA)

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

www.westvalleypres.org/groups

Next week's sermon text: Genesis 13

Memory Verses

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

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

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