



January 13th, 2019

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God, our provider

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:8-9

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Praise to The Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings Yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:22-31 (page 927)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from You. We confess the times we have not acknowledged you or given you our thanks. We have taken your gifts for granted, and not worshiped and served You, the Giver. Thank you for the greatest gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom there is redemption and forgiveness. For His sake, forgive us and cleanse us and make us thankful people. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 4:15-16

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Declaring our Faith: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His word.
Just to rest upon His promise,
just to know "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus.
O for grace to trust Him more.*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust His cleansing blood.
And in simple faith to plunge me,
'neath the healing, cleansing flood.

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease.
Just from Jesus simply taking life
and rest and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.
And I know that Thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.

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: Genesis 13 (page 9)

Message: Faith with Focus

Pastor Mark Howard

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment his life was the cost
We stood neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

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*

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing	Here I raise my Ebenezer
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace	Hither by Thy help I've come
Streams of mercy, never ceasing	And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Call for songs of loudest praise	Safely to arrive at home
Teach me some melodious sonnet	Jesus sought me when a stranger
Sung by flaming tongues above	Wandering from the fold of God
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it	He, to rescue me from danger
Mount of God's unchanging love	Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Commission & Benediction: Philippians 4:19-20

May God supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please stay for coffee and refreshments following the service!

This Week:

- Today:** Youth group – 6:30pm-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

Friday Night Fellowship – Friday, January 25th, 6pm- 7:30pm.

A family-friendly way to connect over dessert and discuss “relationships at work” (including kids activities). Future dates: February 22nd, March 29th. Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/friday

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.

Bible Studies – Our own work is only meaningful because of the work of Christ. Therefore, this winter the midweek men’s and women’s studies will be studying *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 14

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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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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