



January 20th, 2019

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God, our true reward

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all
your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the
pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with
good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-13 (page 1019)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have given us a sure hope and future, yet we confess that we have set our hope on other things: money, family, success, pleasure. Forgive us for breaking your Law and putting these things ahead of you. By your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on your promises and to lead holy lives as we await Christ's return. In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

Celebrating the Gospel

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole Armor, be Thou my true Might;
Be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

Declaring our Faith: Philippians 2 5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name
When the suns shining down on me
When the worlds all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges
go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel, the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city
bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time

*Come to the feast, come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, come to the table
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered
Dressed in his pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt
So come by your Father be blessed

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

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.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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. Amen.

Please stay for coffee and refreshments following the service!

This Week:

Today: **Youth group** – 6:30pm-8pm at church

No Bible Studies this week

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

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](http://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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