



West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's mercy toward our weaknesses

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: 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.

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners poor and wretched Weak and wounded sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity joined with power He is able, He is able He is willing; doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance Every grace that brings you nigh Without money, without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy Come ye weary heavy laden Bruised and broken by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all Not the righteous, not the righteous Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requires Is to feel your need of Him This He gives you, this He gives you Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended Pleads the merit of His blood Venture on Him; venture wholly Let no other trust intrude None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 6:11-20 (page 1004)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have not honored your name; we have not sought your kingdom first; we have not done your will. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 103:11-13

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Celebrating the Gospel

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity In our longing, in our darkness Now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery He the perfect Son of Man In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes

Declaring our 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 Power Of The Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day Christ on the road to Calvary Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood

> This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; Took the blame, bore the wrath-We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life "Finished!" the vict'ry cry

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds For through Your suffering I am free Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live Won through Your selfless love

This, the pow'r of the cross Son of God-slain for us What a love! What a cost We stand forgiven at the cross

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 15 (page 10)

<u>Message</u>: Faith in the God of Promise Rev. David Royes

Outline:

- 1. God reveals himself in the speaking of His Word
- 2. God reveals himself in Confirming of His Covenant
- 3. God reveals himself in advancing His Purpose

Notes:	

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

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

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones he came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave he rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Please stay for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

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

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*.

Friday Night Fellowship – **Friday, February 22nd, 6pm-7:30pm.** A family-friendly way to connect over dessert and discuss "sharing Christ at work" (including kids activities). Future dates: March 29th. <u>Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/friday</u>

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 16

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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Growing disciples of Jesus at home, at work and in our communities through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement

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