This morning's theme: We meet with God through Jesus

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: John 4:23

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

Come People Of The Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

> Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land men and women of the faith Come, those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace Over all the world, His people sing shore to shore we hear them call The Truth that cries through every age "Our God is all in all"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 66:1-2 (page 625)

Confessing our Sin

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 Peter 3:18

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

Celebrating the Gospel

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Declaring our Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

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.

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: Acts 6:7 - 7:60 (page 914)	
Message: The Unrestricted Word	Pastor Mark Howard
Notes:	

Arise Shine For Your Light Has Come

Arise Shine for your light has come And the glory of God is on you Arise, see when the earth grows dark That the Lord will arise upon you The Lord will arise upon you

> Nations will come to your light lift up your eyes and see We'll gather together and come to you and your love will be all that we know Your love will be all that we know

Arise, come to the open gates For the Father is welcoming you Fear not for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe Redemption to all who believe

The sun will not shine Cause you'll be all the light that we need And violence will end All the wars that we wage will cease

We will glorify Your name We will glorify Your name

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 Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam! O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice! O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One! O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: 1 Peter 2:4-5

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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!

Community and Events

This week:

Today: Membership Class – 10:45pm in K-1 classroom

Youth Adults Group – 12pm at the Howard's

Youth Group – 6:30pm-8pm at the Howard's

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 Bread

Announcements:

Serving at West Valley – Can you help with sound, slides, set-up or welcoming on Sunday morning? Are you hiding your musical talents under a basket? Interested in teaching kids or youth? If so, see the orange flyer or email the office for more details of how to get involved.

Kids and communion – Friday, May 31st 6pm-7:30pm (tentative). What is the role of the church in discipling my kids and how can I tell if they are ready to take the Lord's supper? Come along for dessert and an opportunity to explore these questions.

Young adults group cook-out – Sunday, May 26th, 12pm at the Howard. Burgers and hot dogs provided. Please bring sides and desserts!

Discipleship Focus: Life In The Community

This spring our focus will be on living for Christ within the communities where He's placed us.

Dispatches from the Front – Over the next few weeks, the Tuesday and Thursday Bible study groups will be watching and discussing these encouraging videos that draw attention to God's work among the nations.

New Small Group –Want to connect with brothers and sisters around the Word during the week? Come along, *Wednesdays*, *7pm* at the Kim's. For more info speak to Tae or Alice.

Next week's sermon text: Acts 8:4-25

Memory Verse for May

[Jesus said] "I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!"

Revelation 1:18a

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