



May 19th, 2019

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The surpassing power of Jesus

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

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 Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo 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 shall 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 sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is for ever.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31 (page 600)

Confessing our Sin

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: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Celebrating the Gospel

God Be Merciful To Me

1. God be merciful to me
On thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, Make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

3. I am evil, born in sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

2. My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against thy grace
And provoked thee to thy face
I confess thy judgment just
Speechless I thy mercy trust

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By thy wrath and judgement just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear thy voice
From my sins O hide thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

Declaring our Faith: Psalm 86:8-13

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain,
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou, My God shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, My God shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself, so great His love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray.
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light:
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my Living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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 8:4-25 (page 916)

Message: The Greater Word

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

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*

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

O Church Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has giv-en.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: 1 Corinthians 15:58

My beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Benediction: Number 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Please stay for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

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

Teaching and Nursery Volunteers - We are always looking for new teachers (or subs) and the summer is a great time to try it out! If you are interested, email Karen Lyngdoh at WVKids@westvalleypres.org

Kids and communion – Friday, May 31st 6pm-7:30pm (tentative). What's the role of the church in discipling my kids? Are they ready to take the Lord's supper? Come along for dessert and an opportunity to explore these questions. Sign up at westvalleypres.org/friday

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.

Change for Life – Pick up a baby bottle, fill it up with change, bills or checks then bring it back to church by Sunday, June 16 to help support Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Centers.

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 8:26-40

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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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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