

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Global Mission

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:4-5

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

Magnify the Lord with me Come exalt His name together Glorify the Lord with me Come exalt His name forever

I sought the Lord and He answered me And delivered me from every fear Those who look on Him are radiant They'll never be ashamed, They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me And saved me from my enemies The son of God surrounds his saints He will deliver them, He will deliver them

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good Oh blessed is He who hides in him Oh fear the Lord all of you saints He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-8 (page 909)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Celebrating the Gospel

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm; when the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn. In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on; when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won. Deeper still, then, goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; hopeless somehow, o my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary!
This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath. We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true; we will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

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.

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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	
<u>Scripture</u> : Acts 6:7-15, 7:54-8:4 (page 9)14)
Message: The Word on the move	Pastor Mark Howard
Notes:	

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night Into Your glorious light That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife With boundless love and deepest joy With endless life

> May the peoples praise You Let the nations be glad All Your blessing comes That we may praise May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own And from Your hand we give to You To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not heard May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims

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

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King, Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Please stay for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

Today: Membership Class – 11:45pm in K-1 classroom

Prayer Night – 6pm-7pm at church **Youth Group** – 7pm-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 Bread

Missionary Open House – with Chris B (serving in North Africa) 1pm-5pm at the Stenson's with brief

update and prayer at 3:30pm

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.

Membership Class – Do you want to find out more about West Valley or are you interested in becoming a member? Our next 3-week membership class begins after the service on **TODAY**, 11:45am in the K-1 classroom.

Discipleship Focus: Life In The Community

This spring our focus will be on living for Christ within the communities where he has placed us.

Missionary Open House – Join us **THIS Saturday, May 11**th 1pm-5pm at the Stenson's to visit with Chris B. There will be a brief update and prayer time around 3:30pm. Contact brian.stenson@dm.org for more infor

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 6:8-8:4

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

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