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# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: The life-giving power of Jesus*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: From Psalm 16:11**

The Lord has made known to us the path of life; in His presence there is fullness of joy; at His right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **I Sing The Mighty Power Of God**

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food  
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good  
Lord! How Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn mine eye  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care  
And everywhere that man can be thou God art present there

### **Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-6 (page 724)**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance: John 5:24**

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

**Jesus Paid It All**

I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in me thine all in all

*Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow*

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy power and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

**Declaring Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q1**

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**My Worth Is Not In What I Own**

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love  
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed  
At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him, no other.  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us  
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ  
At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed - my ransom paid  
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: Acts 9:31-43 (page 918)**

**Message: The Life-giving Word**

*Pastor Mark Howard*

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## **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.

## **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*

## **On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land  
where my possessions lie

O'er all those wide extended plains  
shines one eternal day  
there God the Son forever reigns  
and scatters night away

*I am bound, I am bound  
I am bound for the promised land*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death  
are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face  
and in his bosom rest?

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission: Romans 12:1-2**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sister, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **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!*

**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 currently in the middle of our summer curriculum. If you haven't already signed up to teach, visit [westvalleypres.org/kids](http://westvalleypres.org/kids) or email Karen at [WVKids@westvalleypres.org](mailto:WVKids@westvalleypres.org)

**Discipleship Focus: Life In The Community**

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

**Change for Life** – If you haven't already returned your baby bottle with contributions for Bright Hope, please bring them next Sunday.

**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.

**Summer Open House** – Watch this space for more info on how to stay connected over the summer at our midweek open house. This summer we'll be reading through Ed Welch's short book *Caring for One Another*.

**The Kindness Project** - The Sunday school classes are collecting items for The Kindness Project, an organization that provides resources for local foster families. Parents, check your email for more info.

**Summer Story Time** – As part of our church library summer reading program, we will be hosting two story times on Saturday, July 13th and Saturday, August 3rd from 10-11:30am. Invite your friends and sign up now at [westvalleypres.org/storytime](http://westvalleypres.org/storytime).

Memory Verse for June

*“This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

Acts 1:11b

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