



June 30th, 2019

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus cleanses us from sin

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: From Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all
your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the
pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with
good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my cleansing, this I see. Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon this my plea. Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Nothing can for sin atone. Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done. Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace. Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness. Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-27 (page 724)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrating the Gospel

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God

Declaring Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

The Baptism of Piper, Madelynn, Annabelle and Lucy Damiani

*The promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself - Acts 2:39.*

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

Today is Family Worship Sunday. Nursery and Sunday school for pre-K kids are available during the sermon. Coloring and activity sheets can be found at the back of church.

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 2:36-47 (page 910)

Message: The Message of Baptism

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken.
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and Heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee, Abba, Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Soul then know Thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise

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

The Solid Rock

My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Ephesians 5:2

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Please stay for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Announcements:

Young Adults 4th of July Picnic – Thursday, July 4th, 4pm at the Moore's. Bring sides, lawn chairs, games and a friend!

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 or email Karen at 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.

Library Reading Program – visit the Library or check out the orange flyer for information about this summer's program.

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 – Join us when you can for snacks, fellowship and prayer whenever you can make it. *Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm* at the Howard's (5251 Townsquare Dr, Macungie) beginning July 10th. All ages welcome!

The Kindness Project - The Sunday school classes are collecting items for The Kindness Project, an organization that provides resources for local foster families. Place donations in the box in the Sunday school area.

Playground Group – will meet Thursday, July 11th, 18th, and 25th at Emmaus Community Park

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.

Next week's sermon text: Acts 10

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*