



August 4th, 2019

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's unending love

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good

For his steadfast love endures forever

Give thanks to the God of gods

For his steadfast love endures forever

Give thanks to the Lord of lords

For his steadfast love endures forever

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

O light that foll'west all my way
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-8 (page 152)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 103:10-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Celebrating the Gospel

In You O Lord I Am Found

O Lord, you know me and search me out:
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;
I long for you but from you I hide.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight
And night overtakes my troubled mind
In darkness you, my Daylight will shine
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;
You wrote with love each one of my days.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?
No height, nor depth can separate me:
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 36:5-9

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

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 fulfil 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 power 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

Scripture: 3 John (page 1026)

Message: Truth-promoting Love

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only the first in my heart
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

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

We Will Say In That Day (Isaiah 12)

You will see there a highway from God's own hand
That will lead back the lost to the Promised Land;
And the voice of the Savior will call us friends,
Saying, "Join in the song of the Lord!"

We will call back our armies: "Return from war!"
And we'll make into plowshares our useless swords,
Very soon to forget what they once were for,
When we join in the song of the Lord!

*We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"
We will not be afraid, for He comes to save.
We will shout; we will call: "Every tribe and race,
Come and join in the song of the Lord!"*

You will see there a banquet for sinners spread,
Where we'll sit with the Lord at the table's head;
And our Shepherd himself is our wine and bread.
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

When the remnant return to the promised land;
When the highway of God brings us home to Him;
We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior friend;
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

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: Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Please stay for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

Today Kids please meet me in the library after the service to receive instructions for the scavenger hunt!

Wednesday **NO OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEK**

Small Group – 7:30pm at the Kim’s

Saturday **Men’s Bible Study** – 7:30am at church

Women’s Bible study – 8am at Panera, Trexlertown

Announcements:

Camp Olympic Outdoor Service and Picnic – Sunday, August 25th at 10:30am. Watch your inbox for details of how you can help!

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.

Basket for Bright Hope Gala – Want to contribute to a “British Tea” themed basket that will be auctioned at the upcoming Bright Hope Gala on Thursday, Sept 19th? See details at the back of church.

Library Reading Program – visit the Library or check out the orange flyer for information about this summer’s program. Also, please bring your crafts and artwork to display in the library!

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. Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm at the Howard’s (5251 Townsquare Dr, Macungie) All ages welcome! (Not meeting this week)

Next week’s sermon text: John 11 (Rev. Michael Goodlin, RUF)

Memory Verse

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

Luke 1:68 (NIV)

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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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