

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus - The Eternal Son of God

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:29-30

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

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
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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

Scripture Reading: Mark 2:1-12 (page 837)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have exchanged the truth about you for a lie; we have worship and served created things rather than you, our loving Creator. Our lives are empty, our relationships are broken and we deserve your judgment. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. By your Spirit, help us to trust in you and live for your glory. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Celebrating the Gospel

Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace

Come boldly to the throne of grace, Ye wretched sinners come; And lay your load at Jesus' feet, And plead what he has done. "How can I come?" Some soul may say, "I'm lame and cannot walk; My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh but dare not talk."

Come boldly to the throne of grace, Though lost, and blind, and lame; Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, And ever was the same. He makes the dead to hear his voice; He makes the blind to see; The sinner lost he came to save, And set the pris'ner free.

Come boldly to the throne of grace, For Jesus fills the throne And those he kills he makes alive; He hears the sigh or groan. Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know The hell of sin within, Come boldly to the throne of grace; The Lord will take you in, take you in

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.

Man Of Sorrows

Man of sorrows Lamb of God By His own betrayed The sin of man and wrath of God Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused Beaten mocked and scorned Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns

> Oh that rugged cross, my salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out Hallelujah Praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son To purchase and redeem And reconcile the very ones Who nailed Him to that tree

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled Now the curse of sin has no hold on me Whom the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away Behold the empty tomb Hallelujah God be praised He's risen from the grave

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: Mark 8:14-30 (page 844) Message: Who is Jesus? Pastor Mark Howard Notes:____

Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, all worlds obeyed Your will From dark and void their being came O Lamb of God, Your glories echo still Creation sings its Maker's praise Eternal God, One with the Father Before all time You dwelt in love Eternal God, unlike all others Yet You descended unto us

O Lamb of God, in filthy manger lay In humble dress You entered earth O Lamb of God, Creator bows to save The needy ones, helpless from birth Incarnate Word, gift of the Father To take our place and bear our sin Incarnate Word led to the slaughter You conquered death and rose again

O Lamb of God now reigning on the throne The Judge of all, faithful and true O Lamb of God, You'll make Your power known When all Your foes receive their due Victorious King, when history's fading You'll call Your Bride to take her place Victorious King, Creation's waiting For Your redeemed to see Your face

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed of the fall, Hail him who saves you by his grace, And crown him Lord of all; Hail him who saves you by his grace, And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To him all majesty ascribe, And crown him Lord of all; To him all majesty ascribe, And crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

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!

Community and Events

This week:

Wednesday **Summer Open House** – 6pm-8pm at the Howard's

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

Next Sunday Service & Picnic at Camp Olympic – 10:30am

Sign up to bring something at westvalleypres.org/picnic.

Announcements:

Transition Team – God-willing, in October, West Valley will be moving to our new location at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville. If you would like to help with the transition, email mark@westvalleypres.org.

Teaching and Nursery Volunteers – Interested in helping our with the kids ministry? 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.

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!

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.

Lehigh RUF Care Packages – Help welcome freshmen students on Lehigh's campus by putting together a care package. See info and sign up at the back. Deadline NEXT Sunday, August 25th.

Library Reading Program –Participants in the summer reading program will be eligible for prizes at the church picnic on August 25th!

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: Mark 8:31-33

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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