



September 1st, 2019

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus - The All-Encompassing Lord

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 105:19-22

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Father Long Before Creation

Father long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving
Draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone

Though the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His cov'nant
Through all ages will remain
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:13-14 (page 945)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Celebrating the Gospel

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore thee
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
who wert, and art, and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee
perfect in pow'r in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 86:8-11

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

Receiving New Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Cor 12:12.

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 8:34-38 (page 844)

Message: Following Jesus

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

The Church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

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.

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!

This week:

Wednesday **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:

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.

Basket for Bright Hope Gala – Want to contribute to a “British Tea” themed basket that will be auctioned at the upcoming Bright Hope Gala? Deadline for contributions is TODAY.

Lost and found – please visit out the lost and found table to see if anything belongs to you. Items will be discarded when we move!

Teaching and Nursery Volunteers – Interested in helping out with the kids ministry? Email Karen at WVKids@westvalleypres.org

Discipleship Focus: Life At Home

Here are just some of the ways we hope to become better equipped to serve Christ at home this fall:

Sermon Series: Together for The Gospel (Philippians) - In Philippians, we’ll discover how working together for the sake of the Gospel leads to greater joy and unity in our church family.

Bible Studies: Hosea - In Hosea we learn about the lengths God will go to for us, even when we fail in our commitment to him. Check the bulletin and email for details of when groups start back up.

Young Adults Group - Every other Sunday, 12pm beginning Sept 15th. This ‘college and careers’ group meets for lunch and Bible study every other week. This fall we’re working through Christianity Explored.

Men’s Retreat - November 15th- 16th at Camp Men-o-lan, Quakertown. Cost: \$70. Grow in friendship and learn more about how we to face fears in faith with speaker Pastor Danny Jang. Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/retreat

Next week’s sermon text: Philippians 1:27-30

September Memory Verse

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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