



September 15th, 2019

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: "Our Father in heaven" – The Fatherhood of God

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Ps 68:4-6

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So lov'd He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the Life Gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34 (page 811)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Loving heavenly Father, we confess that we are rebellious children: we have resisted your Fatherly care and discipline; we have not honored our earthly parents; we have failed to respect the authorities you have set over us. Thank you for the perfect obedience of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we have been adopted as your children. By your Spirit, help us to live as faithful members of your family. Help us to reflect your love in our homes. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Celebrating the Gospel

God Be Merciful To Me

God be merciful to me
On thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, Make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against thy grace
And provoked thee to thy face
I confess thy judgment just
Speechless I thy mercy trust

I am evil, born in sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust
By thy wrath and judgement just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear thy voice
From my sins O hide thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 103:4-8

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

How Deep The Father’s Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-18 (page 980)

Message: Together Because Of The Gospel *Pastor Mark Howard*

Notes: _____

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

Oh Give Thanks To The Lord (Psalm 107)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

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: Philippians 1:9-11

May your love abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Amen.

Please stay for coffee and refreshments following the service!

This week:

- Today **Young Adults Group** – 12pm at the Howard’s
- Tuesday **Women’s Bible study: Hosea** – 7:30pm at church
- Wednesday **Small Group** – 7:30pm at the Kim’s
- Friday **Friday Night Fellowship** - 6pm-7:30pm at church
Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/friday
- Saturday **Men’s Bible Study** – 7:30am at church
 Women’s Bible study: Daniel – 8am at Panera Bread

Announcements:

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

Bright Hope Gala – Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Center’s Gala of Hope will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19, 5:30pm at The Palace Center in Allentown. Tickets \$50. Call Judy at 610-821-400 ext. 228 to register.

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.

Friday Night Fellowship – Friday, September 20th 6pm-7:30pm. Join us for dessert at 6pm followed by a Media SMART presentation by Bright Hope for adults and activities for the kids. Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/friday.

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. This is a motivation and model for all of our relationships. Women’s Tuesday group begins Sept 17th. For men’s group – watch this space!

Young Adults Group - Every other Sunday, 12pm beginning NEXT Sunday, Sept 15. This ‘college and careers’ group meets for lunch and Bible study. 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 to reserve your spot at westvalleypres.org/retreat

This Month's Memory Verse

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

Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

This Week's Shorter Catechism Question

Q. 100. What does the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

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at home, at work and in our communities
through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*