

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: "One earth as it is in heaven" - God's Coming Kingdom

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-5

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

May The Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night Into Your glorious light That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife With boundless love and deepest joy With endless life

> May the peoples praise You Let the nations be glad All Your blessing comes That we may praise May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own And from Your hand we give to You To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not heard May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-4 (page 1041)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Celebrating the Gospel

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!

Declaring Our Faith: 1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Arise Shine For Your Light Has Come

Arise Shine for your light has come And the glory of God is on you Arise, see when the earth grows dark That the Lord will arise upon you The Lord will arise upon you

> Nations will come to your light lift up your eyes and see We'll gather together and come to you and your love will be all that we know Your love will be all that we know

Arise, come to the open gates For the Father is welcoming you creFear not for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe Redemption to all who believe

The sun will not shine Cause you'll be all the light that we need And violence will end All the wars that we wage will cease

We will glorify Your name We will glorify Your name

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. Parent, please take your kids into the narthex during the greeting time.

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

*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.*1 Timothy 2:1–2.

Consecrated by the Word	
Scripture: Philippians 2:12-18 (page 981)	
Message: Gospel Progress	Pastor Mark Howard
Notes:	

All Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam! O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice! O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One! O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Come People Of The Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in

> Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice

Come, those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night Come, those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace

> Rejoice, Rejoice, let every tongue rejoice One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice

Come, young and old from every land Men and women of the faith Come, those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace Over all the world, His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call The Truth that cries through every age "Our God is all in all"

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Philippians 2:14-16

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life

Benediction: 2 Corinthian 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 after the service!

Community and Events

This week:

Today Youth Group – 7pm-8pm in the choir room Tuesday Women's Bible study: Hosea – 7:30pm

Thursday Men's Bible Study: Hosea – 7:30pm

Saturday **Women's Bible study: Daniel** – 8am in choir room

Announcements:

Adopt-a-college student – are you a student looking for a home away from home? Or, are you interested in 'adopting' a student? Sign up at the back of church.

Serving at West Valley – With our new space come new opportunities to serve! Would you be willing to serve on set-up, clean-up or security. If so contact Cherilyn at cherilyn.whitney@gmail.com.

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. This is a motivation and model for all our relationships. Women's Tuesday group is up and running. The Thursday men's group starts THIS week.

Young Adults Group – a 'college and careers' group that meets for lunch and Bible study every other Sunday at 12pm. 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

Next week's sermon text: Philippians 2:19-30

This Month's Memory Verse

"If you love me, you will obey what I command."

John 14:15 (NIV)

This Week's Shorter Catechism Question

Q. 103. What do we pray for in the third request?

In the third request (which is, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven) we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Contact Information

Our mission: Growing disciples of Jesus at home, at work and in our communities through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement

Meeting Location

9:15am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville (Bethany UMC, Wescosville Campus)

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