



January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: God is Infinite*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-3**

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is  
the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

### **Behold Our God**

Who has held the oceans in His hand?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 66:1-2**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Zephaniah 3:17**

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Celebrating the Gospel

**In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 113:4-8**

**The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!  
Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,  
who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?  
He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.**

**Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love**

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love;  
too vast and astounding to tell  
Forever existing in worlds above,  
now offered and given to all.  
Oh, fountain of beauty eternal;  
the Father, the Spirit, the Son.  
Sufficient and endlessly generous,  
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness,  
the mountains, exultant they stand;  
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness,  
all life is sustained by Your hand.  
You crown every meadow with color;  
You paint every shade in the sky;  
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of  
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

*How great, how sure; His love endures forevermore.  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.*

What grace, that You entered our brokenness;  
You came in the fullness of time  
How far we had fallen from righteousness,  
but not from the mercies of Christ.  
Your cross is our door to redemption;  
Your death is our fullness of life.  
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood:  
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

United in Your resurrection,  
You lift us to infinite heights  
Could anything sever or take us from  
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

**Thanksgiving For Kids Ministry Volunteers**

*Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me* Matthew 18:5

**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**

*Nursery and Sunday school classes for pre-K, grades K-1, and grades 2-3 are available during the sermon. Parents, please take your kids to their class table in the narthex during the greeting time. There is also a mothers room to the back left of the sanctuary with an audio feed.*

*If you are visiting us, please fill out an information card at the welcome desk or visit [westvalleypres.org/welcome](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome).*

**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: Genesis 26:1-33**

**Message: The Enduring Promise**

*Pastor Mark Howard*

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## **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

## **Because He Lives**

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's fi-nal war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission & Benediction: From Amos 9:6, 1 Thess. 5:16-18**

May he who builds his lofty place in the heavens and sets its foundation on the earth, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land,

Grant you an awareness of His love that you may be always joyful, praying continually and giving thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you. Amen.

*Please stay for coffee and refreshments after the service!*

**This week:**

Today           **Youth Group** – 6:30-8pm in the choir room  
Wednesday   **Small Group** – 7:30pm at the Kims'  
Thursday       **Men's Bible Study: Hosea** – 7:30pm  
Saturday       **Women's Bible study: Hebrews** – 8am

**Welcome visitors!** – We're glad you could join us today and hope you leave encouraged! Please fill out an information card at the welcome desk or online at [westvalleypres.org/welcome](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome)

**Small Groups** – Are you new to studying the Bible? Or do you want to go deeper by studying it with others? Come along to one of our weekly groups (check your email for information about when these resume):

- *Women's Bible Study* – Tuesdays, 7pm and Saturdays, 9am
- *Men's Bible Study* – Thursdays, 7pm
- *Kim's Small Group* – Wednesdays, 7pm
- *Other fellowship groups* – contact the office for more info

**Friday Night Fellowship** – A family-friendly way to connect over dessert and discuss what the Bible says about everyday life. Upcoming dates: Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-7:30pm.

**New Officer Training** – Following nominations back in the fall, we will begin training prospective new elders and deacons this month. This will include theological seminars that are *open to all*. The first will take place on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - more info to follow.

**Sermon Series – The Promise (Genesis 25-36)** – As we consider the life of Jacob, Genesis provides some gritty, realistic insights into what it means to 'wrestle with God' as we fight to believe His promises.

**New Children's Books!** – The church library is now back up and running! Visit after the service to find some great resources for all ages! It's located right across from the welcome desk.

**Church Administrator** – We are looking to hire an *administrative assistant* to help with communications, administration, organization and basic bookkeeping. If you would like more information, know anyone who might be a good fit or are interested in applying, please email [mark@westvalleypres.org](mailto:mark@westvalleypres.org).

This Month's Memory Verse

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.*

Psalm 28:7a (NIV)

Shorter Catechism Question

Q. 4. What is God?

*A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.*

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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's Wescosville Campus)

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