



January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: God is Eternal*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:28**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

### **Across The Lands**

You're the Word of God the Father  
From before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory;  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation;  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry;  
With a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven,  
Leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father,  
Interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation,  
You are leading sinners home!

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 102:25-28 (page 502)**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek Your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to Your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance: Jeremiah 31:3**

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

## Celebrating the Gospel

### **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

### **Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 90:1-4, 12-14**

**Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.**

**So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!  
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Amen.**

**Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

**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.*

*If you are visiting us, please fill out the welcome card no your chair and drop it in the offering. Or visit [westvalleypres.org/welcome](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome) to complete it online.*

**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 27:1-28:9 (page 21)**

**Message: The Unpromising Promise** *Pastor Mark Howard*

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**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

**Joyful, Joyful**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission & Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. 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       **Theological Training Seminar** – 9am-11am

**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, 7:30pm
- *Kim's Small Group* – Wednesdays, 7pm
- *Other fellowship groups* – contact the office for more info

**Friday Night Fellowship – January 31<sup>st</sup> 6pm-7:30pm.** A family-friendly way to connect over dessert and discuss what the Bible says about everyday life. During the teaching time there will be kids activities based on the kids catechism. Sign up now at [westvalleypres.org/friday](http://westvalleypres.org/friday).

**Theological Training Seminar** – As part of our new officer training we will be having monthly seminars that are *open to all*. The first will take place THIS Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Nominees should arrive at 8am. Others are welcome to join us from 9am-11am.

**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.

**Chili Cook-Off – Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** Bethany have invited us to their annual Chili tasting and cook off event next Sunday afternoon. Just come along to taste or register to bring dessert or Chili by emailing Scotty at [scoble@bethanyumchurch.org](mailto:scoble@bethanyumchurch.org).

**Church Administrator** – We are hiring an *administrative assistant* to help with communications, organization and basic bookkeeping. If you would like more information or are interested in applying, please [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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