



January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: God is Unchangeable*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: James 1:17**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is for ever.

### **Scripture Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20 (page 1004)**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession: From Psalm 51**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Malachi 3:6-7**

"I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

Celebrating the Gospel

**His Mercy Is More**

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment his life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

**Declaring Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Immortal Invisible God Only Wise**

Immortal, invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all, life thou givest to both great and small  
In all life thou livest the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore Thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

## **Missions Interview – Tim and Holly Howden**

### **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.



### **Thy Mercy My God**

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

### **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*

### **Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation  
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings Yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him  
Let the Amen sound from His people again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

**Commission & Benediction: 1 Peter 5:10-11**

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion 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 Seitz's  
Friday            **Friday Night Fellowship** – 6pm-7:30pm  
                      Sign up now at [westvalleypres.org/friday](http://westvalleypres.org/friday)

**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
- *Small Group* – Wednesdays, 7pm
- *Other fellowship groups* – contact the office for more info

**Friday Night Fellowship – THIS FRIDAY, 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 children's catechism. Sign up now at [westvalleypres.org/friday](http://westvalleypres.org/friday).

**Church Lunch – Sunday, February 9th.** Stick around after the service to connect over lunch. The main course of fried chicken will be provided. Sign up now to bring a salad, side or dessert at [westvalleypres.org/lunch](http://westvalleypres.org/lunch).

**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 – TODAY at 5pm.** Bethany have invited us to their annual Chili tasting and cook off event this 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  
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