



February 2nd, 2020

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God is Independent

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good
Lord! How Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn mine eye
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that man can be thou God art present there

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:15-16

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession: From Psalm 51

When you would guide

When you would guide me I control myself

When you would be sovereign I rule myself

When you would take care of me I suffice myself

When I should depend on your provision I supply myself

When I should submit to your providence I follow my will

When I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself

I fault and correct your laws to suit myself...

Convince me that I cannot be my own God

Or make myself happy

Take me to the cross and leave me there

Words of Assurance: Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!
Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

Celebrating the Gospel

Christ The Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor
in the fury of the storm;
when the winds of doubt blow through me,
and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow,
when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on;
when temptation claims the battle,
and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then, goes the anchor,
though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, o my soul now,
lift your eyes to Calvary!
This my ballast of assurance,
see His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
as we face the wave of death;
when these trials give way to glory,
as we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon,
clouds behind and life secure;
and the calm will be the better,
for the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation,
ever faithful, ever true;
we will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Declaring Our Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Father Long Before Creation

Father long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving
Draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone

Though the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His cov'nant
Through all ages will remain
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb

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 on your chair and drop it in the offering. Or visit 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 29:1-30 (page 23)

Message: Drifting From The Promise *Pastor Mark Howard*

Notes: _____

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain,
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou, My God shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, My God shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself, so great His love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray.
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light:
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my Living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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

All Praise To Thee My God

All praise to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my soul on Thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that may me more vigorous make
To serve my God when I awake

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the judgment day.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: 1 Corinthians 15:58

My beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Benediction: 1 Timothy 1:17

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and 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
Tuesday **Women’s Bible Study: Luke** – 7pm
Wednesday **Small Group** – 7:30pm at the Seitz's
Thursday **Men’s Bible Study: Luke** – 7:30pm
Saturday **Women’s Bible study: Hebrews** – 8am
Next Sunday **Church Lunch** – sign up at westvalleypres.org/lunch

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

Theological Training Seminar – As part of our new officer training we will be having monthly seminars that are *open to all*. The next will take place Saturday, February 22nd, 9am-11am.

Church Lunch – NEXT Sunday, February 9th. The main course of fried chicken will be provided. Sign up now to bring a salad, side or dessert at westvalleypres.org/lunch. Tables will be assigned to encourage us to connect with others in our region.

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 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.

This Month's Memory Verse

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all.

Hebrews 10:10b (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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