



February 9th, 2020

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Wisdom

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:8-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,
declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my
ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can he say than to you he hath said
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with you oh be not dismayed
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to His foes
That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have not trusted you with our whole heart; We have leaned on our own understanding and been wise in our own eyes; In our thoughts, words and deeds we have not acknowledged you and so our paths have been crooked before you. Forgive us our sins and teach us by your Spirit to fear you and to turn away from evil, to the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

Because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Celebrating the Gospel

I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)

For God alone, I wait in silence;
My soul is still before the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation,
My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

*I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in His love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I wait and trust His steadfast love!*

Put not your hope in gain of riches;
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,
Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you;
No other love will not run dry.

Declaring Our Faith: Jeremiah 10:6-8, 10

**There is none like you, O LORD;
you are great, and your name is great in might.
Who would not fear you, O King of the nations?
For this is your due;
For among all the wise ones of the nations
and in all their kingdoms
there is none like you.
They are both stupid and foolish;
the instruction of idols is but wood!**

**But the LORD is the true God;
he is the living God and the everlasting King.
At his wrath the earth quakes,
and the nations cannot endure his indignation.**

How Deep The Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom

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 in your chair and drop it in the offering. Or visit westvalleypres.org/welcome to complete it on your phone.

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: Hebrews 10:19-25 (page 1007)

Message:

Pastor Mark Howard

The Importance of Encouragement

Notes: _____

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin had no ears to hear Your voice
did not know Your love within had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life opened up Your Word to me
through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n glorify Your Name through me

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

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain
Who plumbd the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace;
Whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow Him.

Commission & Benediction: Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please stay for lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the service!

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Community and Events

This week:

Today	Church Lunch – in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) Youth Group – 6:30pm-8pm in the choir room
Tuesday	Women’s Bible Study: Luke – 7pm
Wednesday	Small Group – 7:30pm at the Seitz's Elders Meeting – 7:15pm
Thursday	Men’s Bible Study: Luke – 7:30pm
Saturday	Women’s Bible Study: Hebrews – 8am

Announcements:

Church Lunch – Tables are color-coded by region to encourage you to connect with others in your area. If you are unsure where to sit, check out the maps by the stairs and in the Fellowship Hall.

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 – Recordings and notes from our first seminar are available at westvalleypres.org/seminar. The next will take place Saturday, February 22nd, 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.

NEW START TIME – As of today, our services now begin at **9:30am**

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

9:30am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville
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