



March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: God's Great Love*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 136:1-3**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good

**For his steadfast love endures forever**

Give thanks to the God of gods

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords

**For his steadfast love endures forever**

### **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

### **Prayer**

**Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-12**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offences and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance: Romans 5:8**

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## Celebrating the Gospel

### **O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer**

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song, when enemies surround me  
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy, when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
:You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame :  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your name

## 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.**

## Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Message: Priority One**

Pastor Mark Howard

## O Church Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—  
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

## **Tithes and Offerings**

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## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission: Ephesians 5:2**

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### **Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **Announcements:**

**Connection calls** – TODAY at 6pm, follow the link or dial via the number and PIN provided in for a time of sharing and prayer

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- **Chip’s Shepherding Group:** [meet.google.com/gqn-mabs-kcd](https://meet.google.com/gqn-mabs-kcd) or dial 443-671-8633 PIN: 182 545 317#
- **Dave’s Shepherding Group:** [meet.google.com/jrr-xsfw-upp](https://meet.google.com/jrr-xsfw-upp) or dial 413-685-2909 PIN: 611 425 448#
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