



May 24th, 2020

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus – The Light of The World

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Long in darkness Israel wandered;
Long in mortal shadows, we
Walked in bondage and self-pity,
Trode in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets' words He told us,
Long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us
From the hands of all our foes.

*Every valley be exalted!
Every mountain be made plane!
Crooked ways repent and straighten;
All creation bend in praise!*

He shall raise a mighty Savior;
Born of David's lineage, He
Comes in cov'nant love to claim us
From our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness
Life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness,
To your pathways dawning peace!

Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior,
David's Son and yet his King,
Dawning light of our salvation,
Of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, Oh lame, and dance ye broken,
Know the Savior's healing grace;
Come, Oh deaf and hear him singing;
Turn, Oh blind, behold his face!

Scripture Reading: Revelation 22:1-5

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: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Celebrating the Gospel

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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: John 8:12-20

Message: The Light Of the World

Pastor Mark Howard

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

Tithes and Offerings

Please consider giving online at westvalleypres.org/give. For more info visit the “giving info” link on our website. Checks can also be mailed to PO Box 3741, Allentown, PA 18106.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Ephesians 5:8

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Announcements

Opportunities to Connect:

After-service Story Time

Karen will be hosting a story time for the kids after the service. Parents, to join visit zoom.us/j/86520300131 (check your email for the password or for the full link)

After-service Q & A and Prayer – Join us after the service for a Q & A and Prayer time. Visit zoom.us/j/92575128019 (check your email or contact Mark for the password) or dial (646) 558-8656 and enter code 925 7512 8019.

Online Bible Studies (check your email for links)

- Women’s Bible Study – Discussing “Pray Big” by Alistair Begg, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
- Men’s Bible Study in Luke 12-24, Thursdays at 7:30 pm
- Women’s Bible Study in Hosea, Saturdays at 8 am

Opportunities to Serve:

Angel Network: Check your email for information about how to contribute toward Angel Network, even when we aren’t able to make our usual food donations.

Street Medicine and Ripple: Korrinne is still collecting donations to these vital ministries. You can even contribute via her Amazon wish list here: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/9JRZD32JT5HG>. Check your email for more details.

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