



August 9th, 2020

West Valley Presbyterian Church

Note: Please wear a mask or face covering while inside the building

Called to Worship

This morning's theme: Belonging to God's Chosen People

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:4-5

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Come People Of The Risen King

Come people of the risen King
who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing,
to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days,
with the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land,
men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands,
find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing,
shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age,
"Our God is all in all!"

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:20-31

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Lord's 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 Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Message: Why Should I Join a Church?

Rev. Tim Young

Notes: _____

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend;
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end:
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Communion in Sacrament

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.
1 Corinthians 11:28

The elements of the Lord's supper will be distributed at the end of each row. Please have the person at end of the row take as many pre-filled cups as they need for their household.

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.

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in Spirit in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out his word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For he dwells in the presence of his people*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Oh how good it is to embrace his command
To prefer one another forgive as he forgives
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

Tithes and Offerings

An offering box is available at the back of church. Alternatively, please consider giving online at westvalleypres.org/give. For more info visit the "giving info" link on our website.

Compelled to Go Out

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.

Announcements

This Week:

- Tuesday:** **Women's Bible Study** – 7:30 pm via Zoom
Thursday: **Men's Study Group** – 7 pm at Camp Olympic
Saturday: **Women's Bible Study** – 8 am via Zoom

Opportunities to Connect:

Bible Studies (check your email for links if applicable)

- Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
- Men's Study Group, Thursdays at 7 pm at Camp Olympic
- Women's Bible Study on Matthew, Saturdays at 8 am

Library – Family Tote Bags are available in the narthex. As part of our summer reading program, we are aiming to read 100,000 minutes! Please send your total minutes for the week to Liz Ziegenfus - 484-522-4826 or wziegenfus@gmail.com. Check your email for a list of recommended reading and to find out more about the Library concierge service.

Men's Study: Chosen By God – Over the summer we are inviting the men to join us for an online study course through Ligonier ministries. A new lesson will be available each week and you can take the class completely online or join us on Thursday nights to discuss the material. To sign up visit westvalleypres.org/studygroup.

Opportunities to Serve:

Help needed! Ushers & Slides – now that we have moved back inside, we need volunteers to help usher or run the slides. If you would like to serve in either of these ways let Mark know at mark@westvalleypres.org.

Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Centers

Baby Bottle Campaign - Bottles will be available for pick up on your way out of church after the service so you can collect change to support Bright Hope's ministry. Please return full bottles to the Welcome Desk.

Donations – Bright Hope is also in need of the following items. These can be found on a Target gift registry via the link in your email:

- Formula: Similac Advance, Similac Sensitive, and Similac Neosure
- Diapers sizes: Newborn, size 5 and 6
- Baby Wipes

Feel free to bring these items on Sundays and drop them off at the welcome desk.

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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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