



September 6th, 2020

West Valley Presbyterian Church

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

Called to Worship

This morning's theme: God's Gift Of Forgiveness

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all
your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the
pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with
good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Grace That Is Greater

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe;
You that are longing to see his face,
Will you this moment his grace receive?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved you from the heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have shown us mercy, but we have been harsh and unforgiving. You show love to all, but we show favor only to our friends. Our hearts are corrupt and we are guilty. Please forgive us and cleanse us from our sin. Help us by your Spirit to reflect your love and kindness. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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!

Pastoral Prayer

Urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.

1 Timothy 2:1-2.

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 6:9-15

Message: Forgive Us Our Debts

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

The Power Of The Cross

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath-
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought
Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two
Dead are raised to life
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death
Life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

*This, the pow'r of the cross
Son of God-slain for us
What a love! What a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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 to the end of each row. If you are at the end of the row, please take as many pre-filled cups as they need for the row.

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.

Thy Mercy My God Is The Theme Of My Song

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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: Colossians 3:12-15

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And may the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in one body. Amen.

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Announcements

This Week:

- Tuesday:** **Women's Bible Study** – 7:30 pm via Zoom
- Friday:** **Friday Night Fellowship** – 6pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall or online via Zoom (see below)
- Saturday:** **Women's Bible Study** – 8 am via Zoom

Opportunities to Connect:

Bible Studies (check your email for details & links if applicable)

- Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
- Men's Study Group, Thursdays at 7:30 pm (Begins Sept 17th)
- Women's Bible Study on Matthew, Saturdays at 8 am

Library – This Sunday is the **last** Sunday that family tote bags will be available. Please return all tote bags to the Welcome Desk by Sunday, September 13th. A big THANK YOU to all the children who decorated the tote bags!

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. Although our in-person study discussions are over, you can still take the class online. To sign up visit westvalleypres.org/studygroup.

Friday Night Fellowship – *THIS Friday, September 11th*, 6pm-7:30pm. Joshua Jacobs, an MTW missionary to Paris will be joining us for our first FNF of the fall. Due to covid-19 we will operate a 'hybrid' model with a limited number of in-person spaces and online access via Zoom. **SIGN UP NOW** at westvalleypres.org/friday and check your email for the Zoom link to join us online.

Women's Outdoor Stretching Session – Saturday, Sept 19, 9:30-11am, Miller's backyard (3820 Larkspur Dr, Allentown), led by Liz Ziegenfus. Covid has been stretching, so come work on your flexibility with us!

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 would like to serve in either of these ways let Mark know at mark@westvalleypres.org.

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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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