



September 13th, 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 Power to Protect Us

Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:15-16

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor
in the fury of the storm;
when the winds of doubt blow through me,
and my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow,
when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on;
when temptation claims the battle,
and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then, goes the anchor,
though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
through the floods of unbelief;
hopeless somehow, o my soul now,
lift your eyes to Calvary!
This my ballast of assurance,
see His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,
as we face the wave of death;
when these trials give way to glory,
as we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon,
clouds behind and life secure;
and the calm will be the better,
for the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation,
ever faithful, ever true;
we will hold fast to the anchor,
it shall never be removed.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Words of Assurance: John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Pastoral Prayer

I 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.

Kids Ministry

Activities and teaching for PreK-K kids will be available during the sermon. Please take your kids out to the narthex during the next song then pick them up from the Fellowship Hall at the end of the service.

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul
On Thee when sorrows rise
On Thee when waves of trouble roll
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel

But oh when gloomy doubts prevail
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God where shall I flee
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face
And shall I seek in vain
And can the ear of sovereign grace
Be deaf when I complain
No still the ear of sovereign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will
And wait beneath Thy feet
Thy mercy seat is open still
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will
And wait beneath Thy feet

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

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: Jude 20-21, 24-25

Building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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Announcements

This Week:

Tuesday: **Women's Bible Study** – 7:30 pm via Zoom

Thursday: **Men's Bible Study** 7:30pm in the choir room

Saturday: **Women's Bible Study** – 8 am via Zoom

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!

Bible Studies: 1 Corinthians

One of the things that has been tested recently is our commitment to the church. It's been hard to meet and hard to stay connected. In 1 Corinthians, God reminds us why the church is so important. He also provides us the help to overcome our faults and failings as a church family.

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

Sermon Series: Living The Dream, Enduring The Nightmare –

The pandemic has brought many new challenges. We need God's help to approach life with hope and perseverance. God provided Joseph with great hope by giving him an amazing dream. However, before that dream was fulfilled, he too needed to persevere through hardship! Join us next week for the start of our new series in Genesis 37-50.

Parenting In A Pandemic – Are you interested in partnering with another couple to reach out to your friends and family this fall? If so, would you consider hosting a short parenting seminar in your home? We will provide videos, resources and plenty of prayer support. More information to follow soon!

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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