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# Called to Worship

This morning's theme: God's Unchanging Promise

### Call to Worship: Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

## Our Song From Age to Age

Oh God of power, living Word The One who made the stars Who with Your glory filled the earth From dust made beating hearts You loved us when we fell away Poured mercy on our souls And promised grace would come to save To loose death's iron hold

> You are our song from age to age Our voices unite to recount Your praise again and again

Oh God of promises fulfilled The God who took on flesh Who did all that the Father willed was humbled unto death You bore our cross of sin and shame, endured our agony With gladness we now bear Your name and worship at Your feet

> You are our song from age to age Our voices unite to recount Your praise again and again You are our song from age to age We will proclaim your power to save again and again

Oh God who surely guides our steps Through tempests and through trials Our Shepherd King Your way is best Though tears now veil our eyes Your steadfast love our perfect hope Our eyes are fixed on grace We have no doubt You'll lead us home to finally see Your face

Oh God of all of history, enthroned in realms of light What eyes of faith have strained to see Will one day fill our sight With all the saints we'll lay our crowns Before the Savior's feet And sing as all the heavens resound for all eternity

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-13

# Confessing our Sin

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of all truth, we confess that we have not been truthful people: we have been careless with our words, scheming in our thoughts and deceptive in our deeds. You always speak truth, but we have spoken lies; you always keep your promises, but we have broken ours. According to your promise in Christ Jesus, forgive our sins, and by the Spirit of truth help us to reflect your trustworthy character. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **Words of Assurance: Acts 10:43**

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

### 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 <u>during the next song</u> then pick them up from the Fellowship Hall at the end of the service.

# 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.

# Consecrated by the Word

# **Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:1-11**

<u>Message</u> : The Dream	Pastor Mark Howard		
Notes:			


### 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.

#### **Come Praise and Glorify**

Come praise and glorify our God The Father of our Lord In Christ He has in heavenly realms His blessings on us poured For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God Who gives His grace in Christ In Him our sins are washed away Redeemed through sacrifice In Him God has made known to us The mystery of His will That Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God For we've believed the Word And through our faith we have a seal The Spirit of the Lord The Spirit guarantees our hope Until redemption's done Until we join in endless praise To God, the Three in One

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# 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: Psalm 37:3-4

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

## Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:18

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

#### 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

#### **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! This week we begin 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. The seminar format will likely include a Friday evening and/or Saturday morning. If you are at all interested, let us know at westvalleypres.org/host.

**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 (Bethany's Wescosville Campus) www.westvalleypres.org | 610-421-8066 | PO Box 3741, Allentown, PA 18106