



October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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

## Called to Worship

*This morning's theme: The Wisdom of God*

### **Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:8-9**

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **Immortal Invisible God Only Wise**

Immortal, invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unchanging and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all, life thou givest to both great and small  
In all life thou livest the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore Thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

### **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:13-20**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have not trusted you with our whole heart; We have leaned on our own understanding and been wise in our own eyes; In our thoughts, words and deeds we have not acknowledged you and so our paths have been crooked before you. Forgive us our sins and teach us by you Spirit to fear you and to turn away from evil, to the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: 1 Corinthians 1:28-30**

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**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.*

**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 fulfil 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.

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 41**

**Message: Dream Job**

Pastor Mark Howard

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## **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 a-live!  
:What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

## **Tithes and Offerings**

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

**Commission: Ephesians 5:15-16**

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

**Benediction: Ephesians 1:17**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him.

### **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's been tested recently is our commitment to 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 helps us 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!

**Parenting In A Pandemic** – Whether you are a parent, grandparent or may be in the future, we all need a help getting a Biblical perspective on parenting. This seminar includes four video sessions that can be viewed at your own pace, as well as opportunities to discuss them with others. Check out [notwhatyouthink.live](http://notwhatyouthink.live) for more info and sign up at by the exit after the service.

**Help needed! Slides** – now that we have moved back inside, we need volunteers to help run the slides. If would like to serve in this or other ways let Mark know at [mark@westvalleypres.org](mailto: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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