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Called to Worship

This morning's theme: God's power to change our hearts

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:5-8

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

Rejoice in All Your Works

Every mouth that cries for food, Every lung that yearns for breath, Every eye that searches through the dark for light-All creation looks to you For its breath and for its food. From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

> Oh rejoice in all your works, King of Heaven, King of Earth! Every creature you have made declares your praise. We rejoice in all you've made, God of all-sustaining grace! With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!

Every tree that thirsts for rain, Every bird that seeks its nest, Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad— All creation looks to you For its breath and for its food. From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the ponderings of my heart, And the song upon my lips, With the chorus of creation join in praise: To the God who made all things, To the Spirit who sustains, To the Son who over all creation reigns!

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-27

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive us our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore us in such trust and love that we may walk in Your Ways and delight in doing Your will. We ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 2:4-5

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

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.

His Mercy is More

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

> Praise the Lord, his mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us His blood was the payment his life was the cost We stood neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Consecrated by the Word Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-15 Message: Dream Team (Part 2) 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 to the end of each row. Please could 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 Give Thanks to the Lord (Psalm 107)

We were wandering in the desert with our souls so starved and weak. We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek. But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears; And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain. In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame. Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears, And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever! We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home, To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride. We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died. Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names; And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams, But the waves of great destruction brought us trembeling to our knees. Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears, And the God of comfort took away our fears.

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 and Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Announcements

This Week:

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study – 7:30 pm via Zoom
Thursday: Men's Bible Study – Not meeting this week
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

Parenting Seminar — This seminar includes four self-paced video sessions by Paul David Tripp, as well as opportunities to discuss them with others. It began last week but you can still sign up for the video links. Just email office@westvalleypres.org.

Operation Christmas Child – Pick up a shoe box in the narthex, along with instruction on how to fill it. Then bring it back by NEXT *Sunday, November 22nd* or drop it off at a local pick-up center (see samaritanspurse.org/occ for more info).

Angel Network Food Drive - We are aiming to collect <u>100 boxes of mac & cheese</u> for the Angel Network which serves in-need families in the East Penn school district. Please place your contributions on the welcome desk. The deadline is *Sunday*, *November 29th*.

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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