



February 21st, 2021

West Valley Presbyterian Church

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Called to Worship

This morning's theme: Staying Focused On Jesus

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.

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: Hebrews 12:1-2

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

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.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:1-9

Message: Guard the Gospel by Avoiding Distractions

Notes:

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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 your 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.

Eternal Weight of Glory

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suffering seem so long;
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak,
But our hope is set on Jesus;
And we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory!
Oh inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured,
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory,
And our broken years restored.

For behold! I tell a myst'ry:
At the trumpet sound we'll wake!
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of Grace.
Every year we thought was wasted,
Every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song

We will see our wounded Savior.
We'll behold him face to face;
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

Tithes and Offerings

An offering box is available near the exit. 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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WELCOME! *If you are new to West Valley, we are glad you joined us this morning. Please fill out our welcome card on your phone at westvalleypres.org/welcome.*

Announcements

This Week:

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

Thursday: **Men’s Bible Study** – 7:30pm

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. Check email for Zoom links or other details.

- 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

Young Adults Group - the new young adults fellowship will meet next Sunday at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. For more info contact Anthony at falconeanthony525@gmail.com.

Friday Prayer Call – *Every Friday, 7am.* Join us for this brief, 15-minute dial-in prayer time to focus your heart on the Lord and seek his help! Just dial 515-604-9771 and enter code 636625 on Fridays at 7am.

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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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