



April 18th, 2021

West Valley Presbyterian Church

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Called to Worship

This morning's theme: God's Mercy in Christ

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.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:4-8

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved you from the heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have shown us mercy, but we have been harsh and unforgiving. You show love to all, but we show favor only to our friends. Our hearts are corrupt and we are guilty. Please forgive us and cleanse us from our sin. Help us by your Spirit to reflect your love and kindness. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Compassion Hymn

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us,
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress,
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand,
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again.
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears;
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise
As we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression and wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief,
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need;
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

*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.

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 foll'west all my way
I yield my flick'ring 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

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.

We Will Say in that Day (Isaiah 12)

You will see there a highway from God's own hand
That will lead back the lost to the Promised Land;
And the voice of the Savior will call us friends,
Saying, "Join in the song of the Lord!"

We will call back our armies: "Return from war!"
And we'll make into plowshares our useless swords,
Very soon to forget what they once were for,
When we join in the song of the Lord!

*We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"
We will not be afraid, for He comes to save.
We will shout; we will call: "Every tribe and race,
Come and join in the song of the Lord!"*

You will see there a banquet for sinners spread,
Where we'll sit with the Lord at the table's head;
And our Shepherd himself is our wine and bread.
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

When the remnant return to the promised land;
When the highway of God brings us home to Him;
We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior friend;
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

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: Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:18

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

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.*

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This week:

- Today:** **Young Adults Group** – 11am in Fellowship Hall
 Youth Group – 7pm-8pm on Zoom
- Monday:** **Prayer Meeting** – 7pm-7:30pm via Zoom
 Parenting Seminar: Pornography – 8pm on Zoom
- Tuesday:** **Women’s Bible Study: Daniel** – 7:30pm
- Thursday:** **Men’s Bible Study: Daniel** – 7:30pm
- Friday:** **Prayer Call** – 7am (see details below)
- Saturday:** **Women’s Bible Study: James** – 8 am via Zoom

Announcements

Parenting Seminars – Our second seminar on talking to kids and teens about Pornography runs TOMORROW night, Monday April 18th at 8pm. Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/seminars/!

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

Youth Group – *Sundays, 7pm-8pm*. This evening the youth group will meet online continue their study in the book of Daniel! Check your email for the Zoom link.

Online Prayer Meeting – *Every Monday, 7pm-7:30pm*. Email ellen@pearce.org for more info or check your email for the Zoom link.

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.

Women’s Conference - Save the date of *May 14 -15* for Biblical teaching on the elusive subject of *Contentment*. Options to join in-person or remote-from-home are available. Online registration coming soon. See Cherilyn Howard (cherilyn.whitney@gmail.com) for more details.

Lehigh Valley Walk for Life – Saturday, May 1st at 9am. For more info about how to participate in-person or virtually visit brighthopecenters.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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