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Called to Worship

This morning's theme: Giving Thanks For God's Salvation

Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Father Long Before Creation

Father long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love And that love so deep, so moving Draws us close to Christ above Still it keeps us, still it keeps us Firmly fixed in Christ alone

Though the world may change its fashion Yet our God is e'er the same His compassion and His cov'nant Through all ages will remain God's own children, God's own children Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story Is my boasting all the day Mercy free and never failing Moves my will, directs my way God so loved us, God so loved us That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee We will ever praise Thy love And our songs will sound unceasing 'Til we reach our home above Giving glory, giving glory To our God and to the Lamb Giving glory, giving glory To our God and to the Lamb

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from You. We confess the times we have not acknowledged you or given you our thanks. We have taken your gifts for granted, and not worshiped and served You, the Giver. Thank you for the greatest gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom there is redemption and forgiveness. For His sake, forgive us and cleanse us and make us thankful people. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace..

From the Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication If Thou iniquities dost mark Our secret sins and misdeeds dark

O who shall stand before Thee O who shall stand before Thee

To wash away the crimson stain Grace, grace alone availeth Our works, alas are all in vain In much the best life faileth No man can glory in Thy sight All must alike confess Thy might

And live alone by mercy And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord And not in mine own merit On Him my soul shall rest, His word Upholds my fainting spirit His promised mercy is my fort My comfort and my sweet support

I wait for it with patience I wait for it with patience What though I wait the livelong night And till the dawn appeareth My heart still trusteth in His might It doubteth not nor feareth Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed Ye of the Spirit born indeed

And wait till God appeareth And wait till God appeareth

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth His helping love no limit knows Our utmost need it soundeth Our Shepherd good and true is He Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow From all their sin and sorrow

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.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 107 Message: Giving Thanks For God's Rescue Notes:

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one Foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation by water and the Word: From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food. And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, She waits the consummation of peace for evermore; Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee Destitute, despised, forsaken. Thou from hence my all shall be Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known Yet how rich is my condition, God and Heaven are still mine own

Let the world despise and leave me they have left my Savior too Human hearts and looks deceive me Thou art not like them untrue O while Thou dost smile upon me God of wisdom, love and might Foes may hate and friends disown me show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me 'twill but drive me to Thy breast Life with trials hard may press me heaven will bring me sweeter rest Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain In Thy service, pain is pleasure with Thy favor, loss is gain I have called Thee, Abba, Father I have stayed my heart on Thee Storms may howl, and clouds may gather all must work for good to me Soul then know Thy full salvation rise o'er sin and fear and care Joy to find in every station something still to do or bear

Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine Think that Jesus died to win thee child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory armed by faith, and winged by prayer Heaven's eternal days before thee God's own hand shall guide us there Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise

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: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:18

Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

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: Youth Group – 7pm in choir room

Monday: Prayer Meeting – 7pm-7:30pm via Zoom

Parenting Seminar: Sex – 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 third seminar on talking to kids and teens about Sex runs TOMORROW night, Monday April 26th at 8pm. Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/seminars!

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

Youth Group – *Sundays*, 7pm. This evening the youth group will meet IN THE CHOIR ROOM to 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

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