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# Called to Worship

This morning's theme: The Gift of New Life

#### Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new birth into a living hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

#### Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died Has borne our sin through sacrifice To conquer every sting of death Sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes Alive He stands, their Friend and King Christ, Christ He is risen

> Christ is risen, He is risen indeed Oh, sing hallelujah Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed Christ is risen, He is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been They saw Him and their hearts believed But blessed are those who have not seen Yet, sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith They preached the truth and power of grace And pouring out their lives they gained Life, life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to powerfully save He frees our hearts to live His grace Go tell of His goodness

> He's alive, He's alive Heaven's gates are opened wide He's alive, He's alive Now in heaven glorified

## Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8

# Confessing our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance: Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

## Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy, never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer Hither by Thy help I've come And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home Jesus sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God He, to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy grace now, like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to Thee Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it Prone to leave the God I love Here's my heart, O take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above Oh, that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come my Lord, no longer tarry
Take my ransomed soul away
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless days

#### 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.

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#### **Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia Raise your voice and triumphs high, Alleluia Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia Following our exalted Head, Alleluia Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia Hail, the resurrection day, Alleluia

## 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.

## See What a Morning

See, what a morning, gloriously bright With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light As the angels announce, "Christ is risen"

See God's salvation plan Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice Fulfilled in Christ, the man For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb Hears a voice speaking, calling her name It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again

The voice that spans the years Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us Will sound till He appears For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father, Ancient of Days Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty Honor and blessing, glory and praise To the King crowned with pow'r and authority

And we are raised with Him Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered And we shall reign with Him For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead

## **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: John 11:25

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

**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: HAPPY EASTER!

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

**Young Adults Group** - the young adults fellowship will meet every other 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 begin their study in the book of Daniel! Check your email for the Zoom link. (Not meeting this week!)

**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.

**Parenting Seminars** – Check out the flyer for details of our upcoming training seminars to help parents talk to their kids and teens about media use, pornography and sex. Visit westvalleypres.org/seminars for more info.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (Bethany's Wescosville Campus) www.westvalleypres.org | 610-421-8066 | PO Box 3741, Allentown, PA 18106