



May 2nd, 2021

West Valley Presbyterian Church

Note: Please wear a mask or face covering while inside the building

Called to Worship

This morning's theme: Jesus Brings Us Home

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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 pond'rings 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: Luke 15:11-24

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: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

Pastoral Prayer

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.

1 Timothy 2:1-2.

Over the next week:

- **Continue discussing specific ways you have experienced God's goodness**
- **Email elders@westvalleypres.org with a story about how you have witnessed God's goodness in your life over the last year**

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
when He comes at last

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.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land
where my possessions lie

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

O'er all those wide extended plains
shines one eternal day
there God the Son forever reigns
and scatters night away

No chilling winds or poisonous breath
can reach that healthful shore
sickness and sorrow, pain and death
are felt and feared no more

When I shall reach that happy place
I'll be forever blest
for I shall see my Father's face
and in his bosom rest

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: Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom

Benediction: 1 Corinthians 1:7-9

May you not be lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A MASK AND PHYSICALLY DISTANCE WHILE INSIDE THE BUILDING!

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This week:

- Today:** **Youth Group** – 7pm in choir room
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 THIS 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!

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.

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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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