



July 4th, 2021

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus Our Defender

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:28

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Long in darkness Israel wandered long in mortal shadows, we
Walked in bondage and self-pity trod in paths of sin and grief
In the prophets' words He told us long the God of Israel spoke
He alone in strength would save us from the hands of all our foes

*Every valley be exalted, every mountain be made plane
Crooked ways depend and straighten all creation bend in praise*

He shall raise a mighty Savior born of David's lineage, He
Comes in covenant love to claim us from our sins to set us free
Light to those who dwell in darkness life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness to your pathways dawning peace

Jesus, Lord and mighty Savior, David's Son and yet his King
Dawning light of our salvation of your saving pow'r we sing
Stand, Oh lame, and dance ye broken know the Savior's healing grace
Come, Oh deaf and hear him singing. Turn, Oh blind, behold his face

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Celebrating the Gospel

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Kids Ministry

Activities and teaching for PreK-3 kids will be available during the sermon. Please take your kids out to the narthex during the next song then pick them up from the Fellowship Hall at the end of the service.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and al-ways;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 17

Message: Shadow of Your Wings

Mr. Joshua Jacobs

Notes: _____

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

Communion in Sacrament

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28

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.

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His Name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND SNACKS AFTER THE SERVICE!

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This week:

- Monday:** **Online Prayer Meeting** – 7pm-7:30pm via Zoom
- Thursday:** **Youth & Young Adult Game Night** – 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Friday:** **Prayer Call** – 7am (see details below)
- Saturday:** **Women’s Bible Study** – 8 am via Zoom

Announcements

Membership Class – Interested in finding out more about West Valley? Join us at 11am downstairs in the Studio NEXT WEEK for week 4 of this 5-week class. Each session last 45 minutes. For more info contact Pastor Mark.

Summer Reading Program – Check out the flyer on your seat for information about our all-age Library reading program this summer!

Summer Open House – Join us THIS Wednesday, any time from 6pm-8pm at the Howards for snacks and fellowship. All ages welcome!

Youth & Young Adults Game Night– *Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm.* Youth group and young adults are invites to join us every Thursday through the summer for a time of fun and fellowship.

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.

Teachers Needed!!! If you have taught kid’s Sunday School in the past, or would like to try it out, please email Karen at wvkids@westvalleypres.org or sign up after the service. Note: our child protection policy requires background checks for all volunteers.

Security Update – Please note that the Worship Entrance will be locked after the start of the service. If you arrive late, please use the main doors near the welcome desk.

Congregational Meeting – Following our service on Sunday, July 18th, we will be voting on electing Drew Damiani as a Deacon. If you have any questions, please contact elders@westvalleypres.org.

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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Our mission:
*Growing disciples of Jesus
at home, at work and in our communities
through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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9:30am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville
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