



Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Secure in Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 18:2-3

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer

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Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song, when enemies surround me
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise
My joy, when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered, bled, and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your name

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

When you would guide me I control myself;

When you would be sovereign I rule myself;

When you would take care of me I suffice myself;

When I should depend on your provision I supply myself;

When I should submit to your providence I follow my will;

When I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself.

I fault and correct your laws to suit myself.

Convince me that I cannot be my own God or make myself happy. Take me to the cross and leave me there.

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

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

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.

Kids Ministry – *Sunday school will be available for PreK – 3rd grade during the sermon. Please take your kids into the narthex during the next song. They will be brought back into the service during the final song.*

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can he say than to you he hath said
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with you oh be not dismayed
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
 I will not, I will not desert to His foes
 That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31-39

Message: Secure In Christ

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes:

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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.

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

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

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

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
can reach that healthful shore
sickness, sorrow, pain and death
are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed?
When shall I 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 & 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.

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Announcements

Youth & Young Adults are invited to join us for boardgames & pizza after the worship service on **Jan. 9th from 11:00 to 2:00**. Please fill out this brief survey at westvalleypres.org/games if you plan to join us.

Youth Group – Sundays at 6pm in the choir room. For more info contact Liz (weziegenfus@gmail.com).

Young Adults Group meets after the service, every other week in *the Fellowship Hall*. This fall-winter, we'll seek to become better equipped to share our faith. Contact Anthony (falconeanthony525@gmail.com) for more info.

Bible Studies— Our Bible studies are taking a brief break for the holidays and will resume soon!

- *Women's Bible Study* – Tuesdays, 7:30pm & Saturdays, 8am
- *Men's Bible Study* – Thursdays, 7:30pm
- *Other fellowship groups* – contact the office for more info

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 518-992-1099 and enter code 636625 on Fridays at 7am.

Membership Class – *Saturday, January 22nd, 9am-12pm*. Want to learn more about West Valley? Interested in becoming a member? This short class is an opportunity to find out more. Sign-up now at westvalleypres.org/class.

Community Read & Book Brunch - The West Valley Library is pleased to announce our first Community Read. This month we are encouraging everyone to read *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund. This book has been recommended by our elders. Free copies are available on the library table. Read the book this month then attend our Book Brunch on **January 30th**. After worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for casual conversation about the book over coffee and bagels. Questions? Contact Liz Ziegenfus (weziegenfus@gmail.com)

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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)

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