



February 27th, 2022

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Power Amid Pain

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:8-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

From The Depths Of Woe I Raise To Thee

From the 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

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:26-30

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely, and the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offences and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!
Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

Celebrating the Gospel

Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul
On Thee when sorrows rise
On Thee when waves of trouble roll
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel

But oh, when gloomy doubts prevail
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God where shall I flee
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face
And shall I seek in vain
And can the ear of sovereign grace
Be deaf when I complain
No still the ear of sovereign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh, may I ever find access
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will
And wait beneath Thy feet
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Announcements (see p. 7)

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 – *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.*

It's Finished, The Messiah Dies

It's finished! The Messiah dies,
cut off for sins, but not his own.
Completed is the sacrifice,
The great redeeming work is done.
It's finished, all the debt is paid:
Justice divine is satisfied;
The grand and full atonement made;
God, for a guilty world, has died.

The temple curtain is torn down;
The living way to heaven is seen.
Through Christ the middle wall has gone,
and all who will may enter in.
The ancient shadows are fulfilled,
The Scripture prophecies proved true,
The sinless Lamb of God is killed,
The promised covenant made new.

The reign of sin and death is done,
and all may live from sin set free.
Satan and his pretended throne,
Are swallowed up in victory.
Saved from the curse of God I am;
My Savior hangs upon the tree.
See there the meek and silent Lamb!
His final breath he breathes for me.

In Christ, accepted and brought near,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
I see the path to life made clear,
and all your merits, Lord, are mine.
Death, Hell, and sin are now subdued;
all grace is now to sinners given.
And so I plead the atoning blood,
and claim the title deeds of heaven.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1-2

Message: God's Power Amid Pain

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
"God, come to my rescue"
Even so, the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God, be now my shelter
Why are you cast down, my soul?
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God
My Help, my Rock, I will praise Him
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm
You're still my God, my Salvation*

Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God, be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
Till my faith is turned to sight
Lord, my heart will praise You

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and king adore;
Mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell, are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand, till all His foes submit.
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice, the trump of God
shall sound, rejoice!

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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 9:23

Jesus says, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

This week:

- Today:** **Young Adults** – 12pm at the Fox’s
 Youth Group – 6:00pm in the choir room
- Tuesday:** **Women’s Bible Study** – 7:30pm in the choir room
- Thursday:** **Men’s Bible Study** – 7:30pm in the choir room
- Friday:** **Prayer Call** – 7:00am (see details below)
- Saturday:** **Women’s Bible Study** – 8:00am via Zoom & at the
 Kim’s

Announcements

Youth Group – Sundays at 6:00pm in the choir room. Nehemiah study guides are available at the welcome desk. For more information, contact Liz (weziegenfus@gmail.com).

Young Adults Group meets every other Sunday, after the service at the Fox’s. Contact Anthony (falconeanthony525@gmail.com) for more info.

Youth & Young Adults Pizza and Games - Youth & Young Adults are invited to join us for boardgames & pizza after the worship service March 13th from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Bible Studies– This winter and spring we will be studying Nehemiah. Study guides are available at the welcome desk.

Women's One-Day Retreat – Saturday, March 26th, 9:00am-4:00pm at Providence Presbyterian Church in Quakertown. Join us for this special retreat for the women of our Eastern PA Presbytery! Sign up at providence-pca.org/event/glimpses-of-grace.

Friday Prayer Call – *Every Friday, 7:00am*. 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.

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This Month's Memory Verse

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. – Proverbs 1:7

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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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