



March 20th, 2022

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Power When We Face Discouragement

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come

Arise, shine for your light has come and the glory of God is on you.
Arise, see when the earth grows dark that the Lord will arise upon you.
The Lord will arise upon you.

*Nations will come to your light,
lift up your eyes and see.
We'll gather together and come to you
and your love will be all that we know.
Your love will be all that we know.*

Arise, come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you.
Fear not for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe.
Redemption to all who believe.

The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need.
And violence will end, all the wars that we wage will cease.
We will glorify your name, we will glorify your name.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 41:14-20

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 6:19-20

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.

Celebrating the Gospel

In You, O Lord, I Am Found

O Lord, you know me and search me out:
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;
I long for you but from you I hide.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;
You wrote with love each one of my days.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?
No height, nor depth can separate me:
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Announcements (see p. 7)

Pastoral Prayer

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.

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Exodus 5-6

Message: God's Power On Trial

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.

*As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
Around the table of the King.*

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.

Eternal Weight of Glory

Now the days and hours and moments
Of our suffering seem so long;
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring
Threaten silence to our song.
Now our pain is real and pressing
Where our faith is thin and weak,
But our hope is set on Jesus;
And we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory!
Oh inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured,
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory,
And our broken years restored.

*For behold! I tell a myst'ry:
At the trumpet sound we'll wake!
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry
When we meet our King of Grace.
Every year we thought was wasted,
Every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

We will see our wounded Savior.
We'll behold him face to face;
And we'll hear our anguished stories
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

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: Matthew 6:31-33

Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Benediction: 1 Peter 5:10-11

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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This week:

- Today:** **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 Stouts’

Announcements

Youth Group – Sundays at 6:00pm in the choir room. Nehemiah study guides are available at the welcome desk. For more info 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.

Angel Network Food Drive – We are aiming to collect 170 boxes of mac & cheese for the Angel Network which serves in-need families in the East Penn school district. Please place your contributions on the welcome desk. The deadline is *NEXT Sunday, March 27th*.

Passover Seder – West Valley will be hosting a Passover Seder on Saturday, April 2nd, at 11:00am. Join us for this special event as we participate in a Christ-centered celebration of God’s liberating grace. There is limited availability—please RSVP by *March 27th* via <http://westvalleypres.org/passover>.

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

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 7:00am.

Volunteers Needed! – Could you be part of a team to help run slides on Sundays? Training will be provided! If you are interested, email Daniel Kreycik at dkreycik@gmail.com.

This Month's Memory Verse

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! – 2 Corinthians 5:17

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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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