



April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: God's Power to Forgive*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all  
your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the  
pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with  
good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

### **Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)**

*Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near, and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

### **Scripture Reading: Mark 2:13-17**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: 1 Corinthians 6:11**

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Celebrating the Gospel

**Nothing But the Blood**

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! precious is the flow  
that makes me white as snow.  
No other fount I know,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see.  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my pardon this my plea.  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone.  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done.  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace.  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness.  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Announcements** (see p. 7)

**Baptism of Nolan Stenson**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19–20.

**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.**

**Greeting & Kids Ministry** – Sunday school will be available for PreK – 3rd grade during the sermon. Please take your kids into the narthex during the greeting time. They will be brought back in before the end of the service.

**Jesus What a Friend for Sinners**

Jesus what a friend for sinners  
Jesus lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me  
He, my Savior, makes me whole

*Hallelujah what a Savior  
Hallelujah what a Friend  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end*

Jesus what a strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in Him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing  
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins

Jesus what a help in sorrow  
While the billows o'er me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking  
He, my comfort, helps my soul

Jesus, I do now receive Him  
More than all in Him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness  
I am His, and He is mine

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 11:1 – 12:32**

**Message: God's Power to Save**

**Pastor Mark Howard**

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## **The Compassion Hymn**

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us,  
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.  
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress,  
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand,  
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again.  
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears;  
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace  
You have shown us, O God of compassion.  
Each day we live an offering of praise  
As we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face,  
At the thorns of oppression and wounds of disgrace;  
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief,  
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace  
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need;  
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries  
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

## **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.**

## **We Will Say in That Day (Isaiah 12)**

You will see there a highway from God's own hand  
That will lead back the lost to the Promised Land;  
And the voice of the Savior will call us friends,  
Saying, "Join in the song of the Lord!"

We will call back our armies: "Return from war!"  
And we'll make into plowshares our useless swords,  
Very soon to forget what they once were for,  
When we join in the song of the Lord!

*We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"  
We will not be afraid, for He comes to save.  
We will shout; we will call: "Every tribe and race,  
Come and join in the song of the Lord!"*

You will see there a banquet for sinners spread,  
Where we'll sit with the Lord at the table's head;  
And our Shepherd himself is our wine and bread.  
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

When the remnant return to the promised land;  
When the highway of God brings us home to Him;  
We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior friend;  
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

### **Tithes and Offerings**

*An offering box is available near the exit. Alternatively, please consider giving online at [westvalleypres.org/give](http://westvalleypres.org/give). For more info visit the "giving info" link on our website.*

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission & Benediction: Colossians 3:12-15**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And may the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in one body. 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. For more info contact the Geigers at [youth@westvalleypres.org](mailto:youth@westvalleypres.org).

**Young Adults Group** – meets every other Sunday after the service at the Fox’s. Contact Anthony ([falconeanthony525@gmail.com](mailto:falconeanthony525@gmail.com)) for info.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – NEXT Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we invite the children of West Valley to meet in the narthex after the service for some special Easter fun. We will have Easter Egg Hunts for two age groups, ~2-5 and 6-12 years old. This is a rain or shine event!

**Good Friday Service** – Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Invite a friend for this service where we will read Scripture, sing, and hear a message about the meaning of the cross.

**Bible Studies** – During the Easter season we’ll be studying Luke 22-24.

- *Women’s Bible Study* – Tuesdays, 7:30pm & Saturdays, 8:00am
- *Men’s Bible Study* – Thursdays, 7:30pm
- *Other Fellowship Groups* – contact the office for more info

**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](mailto:dkreycik@gmail.com).

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*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](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome).*

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This Month's Memory Verse

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins – 1 John 4:10*

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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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