

This morning's theme: God's Power to Save

## Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Mark 11:9-10

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! All: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

#### **His Mercy Is More**

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

> Praise the Lord, His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us His blood was the payment his life was the cost We stood neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41

## Confessing our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance: Revelation 5:9-10

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

## Celebrating the Gospel

#### God Be Merciful to Me

God be merciful to me
On thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, Make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess Grief and guilt my soul oppress I have sinned against thy grace And provoked thee to thy face I confess thy judgment just Speechless I thy mercy trust

I am evil, born in sin Thou desirest truth within Thou alone my Savior art Teach thy wisdom to my heart Make me pure, thy grace bestow Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust By thy wrath and judgement just Let my contrite heart rejoice And in gladness hear thy voice From my sins O hide thy face Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew Make my spirit right and true Cast me not away from thee Let thy Spirit dwell in me Thy salvation's joy impart Steadfast make my willing heart Sinners then shall learn from me And return O God to Thee Savior all my guilt remove And my tongue shall sing Thy love Touch my silent lips O Lord And my mouth shall praise accord

#### **Announcements** (see p. 7)

#### **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.

<u>Greeting & Kids Ministry</u> – 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.

## 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 No tongue can bid me thence depart

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

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# Consecrated by the Word Scripture Reading: Exodus 13:17-14:31

**Pastor Mark Howard** 

Notes:	

#### **Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity In our longing, in our darkness Now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery He the perfect Son of Man In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is a-live! What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes

#### 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

> 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

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

No chilling winds or poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more

When I shall reach that happy place I'll be forever blest for I shall 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:** Ephesians 5:8

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

## **Benediction:** Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Children may be dismissed to the narthex. We have an Egg Hunt for two age groups, ~2-5 and 6-12 years old.

#### This week:

**Today:** Pizza & Games – 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**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

**Pizza & Games** — Youth & Young Adults are invited to join us TODAY for board games & pizza after the worship service from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**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 <a href="mailto:dkreycik@gmail.com">dkreycik@gmail.com</a>.

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.

## 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) www.westvalleypres.org | 610-421-8066 | PO Box 3741, Allentown, PA 18106