



April 17th, 2022

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus Is Our Only Hope

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He has given us new birth into a living hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia
Hail, the resurrection day, Alleluia

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 2:4-5

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

The Solid Rock

My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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.

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

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

Message: Our Only Hope

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.*

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.

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death. Sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands, their Friend and King. Christ, Christ He is risen

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed
Oh, sing hallelujah
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed*

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained, Life, life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace. Go tell of His goodness

He's alive, He's alive. Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive, He's alive. Now in heaven glorified

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: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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This week:

- Tuesday:** **Women’s Bible Study** – Not meeting this week
- Thursday:** **Men’s Bible Study** – Not meeting this week
- Friday:** **Prayer Call** – 7:00am (see details below)
- Saturday:** **Women’s Bible Study** – 8:00am via Zoom & at the Stouts’

Announcements

WELCOME! We are glad you joined us this morning! Please fill out our welcome card on your phone at westvalleypres.org/welcome.

Parent’s Night Out – Friday, April 29th, from 5:00-8:00pm, drop your kids off in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a night out! We will play games and learn about missions in Southeast Asia (dinner will be provided). Please sign up via westvalleypres.org/parents by Tuesday, April 26th. If you have any questions, contact Cassie (clwells94@gmail.com).

Sunday School Teachers’ Lunch – Teachers & Nursery volunteers, please join us for an appreciation brunch on Sunday, May 1st, following the service. We will meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Karen Lyngdoh (karenlyngdoh@gmail.com) by April 23rd.

Save the date: Indelible Grace Hymns & Stories – coming June 11th!

Youth Group – will meet back up next Sunday at 6:00pm in the choir room. For more info contact the Geigers at youth@westvalleypres.org.

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

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.

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
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