

This morning's theme: God's Temple - The Church

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:4-5

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent word What more can he say than to you he hath said To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with you oh be not dismayed For I am thy God and will still give thee aid I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to His foes That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake I'll never, no never, no never forsake

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 66:1-2

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved you or loved our neighbor as you have commanded. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Celebrating the Gospel

I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)

For God alone, I wait in silence; My soul is still before the Lord He is my rock and my salvation, My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

> I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken, For all my hope is in His love. From God alone comes my salvation; I'll wait and trust His steadfast love!

Put not your hope in gain of riches; Seek not your rest in empty wealth. The rich are weak; the poor are mighty, Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge And trust in Him to hear you cry. No other hope will never fail you; No other love will not run dry.

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 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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood, of mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed,
His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-12 **Message:** The Foundation **Pastor Mark Howard** Notes:_____

Our Song from Age to Age

Oh God of power, living Word, the One who made the stars Who with Your glory filled the earth from dust made beating hearts You loved us when we fell away poured mercy on our souls And promised grace would come to save to loose death's iron hold

> You are our song from age to age Our voices unite to recount Your praise again and again

Oh God of promises fulfilled The God who took on flesh Who did all that the Father willed was humbled unto death You bore our cross of sin and shame, endured our agony With gladness we now bear Your name and worship at Your feet

> You are our song from age to age Our voices unite to recount Your praise again and again You are our song from age to age We will proclaim your power to save again and again

Oh God who surely guides our steps through tempests and through trials Our Shepherd King Your way is best Though tears now veil our eyes Your steadfast love our perfect hope Our eyes are fixed on grace We have no doubt You'll lead us home to finally see Your face

Oh God of all of history, enthroned in realms of light What eyes of faith have strained to see will one day fill our sight With all the saints we'll lay our crowns before the Savior's feet And sing as all the heav'ns resound for all eternity

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.

My Heart is Filled

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me in His light And wrote His law of righteousness With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who reigns above; Whose wisdom is my perfect peace; Whose every thought is love. For every day I have on earth Is given by the King. So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow Him.

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: 1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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: Teacher & Nursery Worker Lunch

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

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.

Congregational Meeting & Church Lunch, Sunday, May 22nd Join us after the service to hear more about our future plans and to connect over lunch! The main course will be provided and a sign-up for salads, sides, or desserts will be available next week.

Indelible Grace Hymns & Stories Concert – June 11th, 7pm-9pm. A unique evening of singing hymns together and sharing stories behind the hymns with Rev. Kevin Twit (founder of Indelible Grace Music) and his son Cooper. Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/concert.

Baby Bottle Campaign – Help support for Bright Hope Pregnancy Centers! Bottles will be available to pick up on the welcome desk beginning next Sunday and are due June 19th.

Youth Group – Sundays 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 Foxes'. Contact Anthony (falconeanthony525@gmail.com) for 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

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. - Exodus 15:2

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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

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