

This morning's theme: Growing in Fellowship

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

<u> Taste and See (Psalm 34)</u>

Magnify the Lord with me Come exalt His name together Glorify the Lord with me Come exalt His name forever

I sought the Lord and He answered me And delivered me from every fear Those who look on Him are radiant They'll never be ashamed, They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me And saved me from my enemies The son of God surrounds his saints He will deliver them, He will deliver them

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good Oh blessed is He who hides in him Oh fear the Lord all of you saints He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything

Scripture Reading: John 17:20-26

Confessing our Sin

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved you from the heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have shown us mercy, but we have been harsh and unforgiving. You show love to all, but we show favor only to our friends. Our hearts are corrupt and we are guilty. Please forgive us and cleanse us from our sin. Help us by your Spirit to reflect your love and kindness. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Celebrating the Gospel

<u>In You, O Lord, I am Found</u>

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.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight And night overtakes my troubled mind In darkness you, my Daylight will shine 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

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.

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food. And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping, shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, She waits the consummation of peace for evermore; Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

<u>Message</u>: Building In

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes:_



Come to the Feast

Go to the Highways and hedges, Go to the farthest of fields Go and compel, the sick and the well For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city, Bring in the crippled and blind All who would taste this banquet of grace Must come and waste no more time.

> Come to the feast, come to the table The great and the least, the rich and the poor Come to the feast, come to the table, Come and hunger no more

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered Dressed in his pure righteousness For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt So come by your Father be blessed

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.

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God Dwells together in Spirit in faith and unity Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love Are the fruit of His presence here among us

> So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord And with one heart we'll live out his word Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come For he dwells in the presence of his people

Oh how good it is on this journey we share To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace When we offer the blessing of belonging

Oh how good it is to embrace his command To prefer one another forgive as he forgives When we live as one we all share in the love Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

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 John 3:23

This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

Benediction: Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 week:		
Today:	Young Adults Group – meets at the Foxes'	
	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

Congregational Meeting & Church Lunch – <u>Next Sunday, May 22nd</u>, join us after the service to hear more about our future plans and connect over lunch! The main course will be pulled pork; please sign-up to bring a green salad, side, or dessert via westvalleypres.org/lunch.

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 raise support for Bright Hope Pregnancy Centers! Bottles will be available to pick up on the welcome desk 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 this 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, 15minute 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.

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

9:30am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville (Bethany's Wescosville Campus) www.westvalleypres.org | 610-421-8066 | PO Box 3741, Allentown, PA 18106