

This morning's theme: Growing in Witness

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:4-5

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the Nations Be Glad

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy May redemption be the theme of our song For by grace we have been saved And by grace we shall proclaim To the corners of the earth that Christ is come

> Let the nations be glad Let the people rejoice For salvation belongs to our God Let the whole earth be filled With the praises of the Lord For salvation belongs to our God Let the nations be glad

Through the ages gone before Through the trial and the sword Many saints and martyrs conquered Though they died Still we holding out the cross Crossing oceans suffering loss Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

As Your holy church goes forth In the Holy Spirit's power With the glories of the Gospel to exclaim Now we pray Your Kingdom come And we pray Your will be done For the honor and glory of Your name

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-11

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Celebrating the Gospel

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r. Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war. You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

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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.

Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love; Too vast and astounding to tell Forever existing in worlds above, Now offered and given to all. Oh, fountain of beauty eternal; The Father, the Spirit, the Son. Sufficient and endlessly generous, Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, The mountains, exultant they stand; The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, All life is sustained by Your hand. You crown every meadow with color; You paint every shade in the sky; Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure; His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

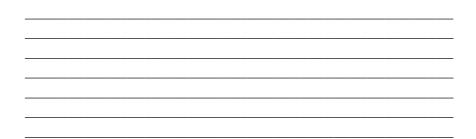
What grace, that You entered our brokenness; You came in the fullness of time
How far we had fallen from righteousness,
But not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption;
Your death is our fullness of life.
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood:
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

United in Your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights Could anything sever or take us from Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-12

<u>Message</u> : Building Out	Pastor Mark Howard
Notes:	



O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father From before the world began. Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand. All creation holds together By the power of Your voice. Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man; And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost, And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You calmed the sea; Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven,
Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father,
Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home!

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: Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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: Congregational Meeting & Church Lunch

Youth Group – 6:00pm in the choir room

Zoom Prayer Meeting – 8:00pm-8:30pm

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study – 7:30pm in the choir room

Thursday: Men's Bible Study – 7:30pm in the choir room

Saturday: Women's Bible Study – 8:00am via Zoom & at the

Stouts'

Announcements

Congregational Meeting & Lunch – *Today* in the Fellowship Hall.

Guys' Night – Friday, June 3rd, 6:00p.m. at the Lantz's—join the men of West Valley for a time of fellowship and food. Please bring something to throw on the grill or drinks to share. For the address and/or questions, contact Jon Lantz (484-269-9850).

Indelible Grace Hymns & Stories Concert – On June 11th, from 7pm-9pm, join us for a unique evening of singing hymns 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 are 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 every other week after the service at the Foxes'. Contact Anthony (falconeanthony525@gmail.com) for info.

Sunday Zoom Prayer Meeting - Every Sunday from 8:00pm-8:30pm, join us via Zoom to pray for the world. Dial (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting code 820 8319 4443.

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

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