

This morning's theme: The Gospel Advances Through Adversity

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Hail To The Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes in comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light. Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth. Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove. His Name shall stand forever, That Name to us is Love.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:2-12

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive us our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore us in such trust and love that we may walk in Your Ways and delight in doing Your will. We ask in Jesus name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 6:19-20

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.

Celebrating the Gospel

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm; when the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn. In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on; when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won. Deeper still, then, goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; hopeless somehow, o my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary!
This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath. We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true; we will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

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 Praver

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

Grace That Is Greater

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

> Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe; You that are longing to see his face, Will you this moment his grace receive?

Consecrated by the Word Scripture Reading: Acts 14:1-28 Message: A Successful Mission? **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.

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing, to the Morning Star of grace From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

> Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is all in all"!

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: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen

This week:

Today: 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

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Announcements

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed! - Please email Karen at wvkids@westvalleypres.org if you are interested in teaching this summer. This is a great time to try it out! All clearances need to be up to date in order to teach.

Slides 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.

Youth Group – Sundays at 6:00pm in the choir room. For more info contact the Geigers at youth@westvalleypres.org.

Summer Open House – Beginning in July, join us any time from 6pm-8pm at the Howards for an informal time of snacks and fellowship. All ages welcome! We are looking for hosts for August. If you are interested email office@westvalleypres.org.

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

WELCOME! If you are new to West Valley, we are glad you joined us this morning. Please scan this code or visit westvalleypres.org/welcome to fill out our welcome card.



This Month's Memory Verse

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. - Galatians 5:22-23

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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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