

This morning's theme: The True and Living God

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-3

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God The Father of our Lord In Christ He has in heavenly realms His blessings on us poured For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

Come praise and glorify our God Who gives His grace in Christ In Him our sins are washed away Redeemed through sacrifice In Him God has made known to us The mystery of His will That Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill

> To the praise of Your glory To the praise of Your mercy and grace To the praise of Your glory You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God For we've believed the Word And through our faith we have a seal The Spirit of the Lord The Spirit guarantees our hope Until redemption's done Until we join in endless praise To God, the Three in One

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:18-26

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have exchanged the truth about you for a lie; we have worship and served created things rather than you, our loving Creator. Our lives are empty, our relationships are broken, and we deserve your judgment. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. By your Spirit, help us to trust in you and live for your glory. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrating the Gospel

<u>He Will Hold Me Fast</u>

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

> He will hold me fast He will hold me fast For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast Precious in his holy sight He will hold me fast He'll not let my soul be lost His promises shall last Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

Announcements (see p. 7)

Testimony: Liz Parker

Pastoral Prayer

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. 1 Timothy 2:1–2.

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>

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> – Today, Sunday school is available for *PreK kids. Please take your children to the narthex during the greeting time. They will be brought back before the end of the service.*

Living Waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty? Come and drink these living waters Tired and broken, peace unspoken Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing At the cross of living waters Lay your life down, all the old gone Rise up in these living waters

> There's a river that flows With mercy and love Bringing joy to the city of our God There our hope is secure Do not fear anymore Praise the Lord of living waters

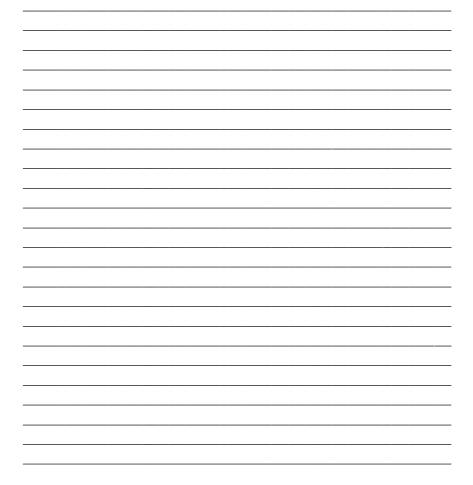
Spirit moving, mercy washing Healing in these living waters Lead your children to the shore line Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty? Come, and drink these living waters Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless Christ, He is our living waters

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:16-34

Message: The Mission Under Scrutiny Pastor Mark Howard



To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the Life Gate that all may go in.

> Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice; Oh, come to the Father, Through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory; Great things He hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

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: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

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.

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 week:			
Today:	Zoom Prayer Meeting – 8:00pm-8:30pm		
Wednesday:	Summer Open House – 6pm-8pm at the Howards'		
Saturday:	Women's Bible Study – 8:00am via Zoom & at the Kims'		

Announcements

Sunday School Survey – Our Sunday School Pilot Planning Committee is looking for your help as we consider a Sunday School hour for adults and children. Please complete a brief survey to help keep us informed about our current Sunday School program and to give shape to future plans. Visit westvalleypres.org/survey now or scan the code below.



Summer Open House – Join us this Wednesday night anytime from 6pm-8pm at the Howards' home for an informal time of snacks and fellowship. All ages welcome! The following families will be hosting in August.

- August 3rd: The Howards (5251 Townsquare Dr, Macungie)
- August 10th: The Royes (948 Kressler Rd, Allentown)
- August 17th: The Goonewardenes (3709 Pheasant Hill Dr., Allentown)
- August 24th: The Kims (623 E Berger St., Emmaus)

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.

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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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