



August 21st, 2022

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Power to Persevere

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 18:2-3

Leader: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

The Solid Rock

My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-14

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

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.

Greeting & Kids Ministry – *Sunday school is available for PreK- 3rd grade kids. Please take your children to the narthex during the greeting time. They will be brought back before the end of the service.*

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and al-ways;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 18:1-23

Message: God’s Presence On Mission **Pastor Mark Howard**

The temple curtain is torn down;
The living way to heaven is seen.
Through Christ the middle wall has gone,
And all who will may enter in.
The ancient shadows are fulfilled,
The Scripture prophecies proved true,
The sinless Lamb of God is killed,
The promised covenant made new.

The reign of sin and death is done,
And all may live from sin set free.
Satan and his pretended throne,
Are swallowed up in victory.
Saved from the curse of God I am;
My Savior hangs upon the tree.
See there the meek and silent Lamb!
His final breath he breathes for me.

In Christ, accepted and brought near,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
I see the path to life made clear,
And all your merits, Lord, are mine.
Death, Hell and sin are now subdued;
All grace is now to sinners given.
And so I plead the atoning blood,
And claim the title deeds of heaven.

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.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

O'er all those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

No chilling winds or poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

When I shall reach that happy place
I'll be forever blest
For I shall see my Father's face
And in his bosom rest

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: James 5:7-8

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Benediction: 1 Peter 5:10-11

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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** – 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Kims’
- Saturday:** **Women’s Bible Study** – 8:00am via Zoom & at the Kims’

Announcements

Last Summer Open House – Join us this Wednesday night (August 24th) anytime from 6pm-8pm for our last Open House of the summer. All ages welcome! The Kims (623 E Berger St., Emmaus) will be hosting this week.

West Valley Annual Picnic - *NEXT Sunday*, August 28th, right after the service, at the Woman’s Club Pavilion at Emmaus Community Park. The church will be providing a main course of fried chicken. Please sign up at westvalleypres.org/picnic to bring a green salad, side, dessert, or drinks.

Fall Sunday School Volunteers Needed! – We have new openings to teach Sunday School for our fall semester starting September 11th. This is a once-a-month teaching commitment. Clearances to work with children are required. Please speak with Karen Lyngdoh or email wvkids@westvalleypres.org if you are interested.

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.

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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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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
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