



September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: The Matchless Power of Jesus*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 145:3-4**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

### **Immortal, Invisible**

Immortal, invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all, life thou givest to both great and small  
In all life thou livest the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore Thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

### **Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

## Confessing Our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offences and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance: Ephesians 5:2**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### Celebrating the Gospel

#### **Alas and Did My Savior Bleed**

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree!  
Amazing pity! grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut his glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died  
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While his dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'Tis all that I can do.

#### **Announcements** (see p. 7)

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

*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.

**My Heart is Filled**

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace; whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Acts 19:8-20**

**Message: Mimicking the Mission**

**Pastor Mark Howard**

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To discuss after the service:

- *In what ways are you tempted to treat Jesus like a “magic spell” to bring you peace and prosperity?*
- *How can we encourage one another to honor Jesus as our majestic savior and king?*

**O Church Arise**

O church, arise and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—  
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

### 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.**

#### **Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee  
Destitute, despised, forsaken.  
Thou from hence my all shall be  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known  
Yet how rich is my condition,  
God and Heaven are still mine own

Let the world despise and leave me  
They have left my Savior too  
Human hearts and looks deceive me  
Thou art not like them untrue  
O while Thou dost smile upon me  
God of wisdom, love and might  
Foes may hate and friends disown me  
Show Thy face and all is bright

Soul then know Thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station  
Something still to do or bear  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine  
Think that Jesus died to win thee  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer  
Heaven's eternal days before thee  
God's own hand shall guide us there  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise

### **Tithes and Offerings**

*An offering box is available near the exit. Alternatively, please consider giving online at [westvalleypres.org/give](http://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."

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## This week:

- Today:**           **Zoom Prayer Meeting** – 8:00pm-8:30pm
- Saturday:**       **Women’s Bible Study** – 8:00am via Zoom & at the Kims’

## Announcements

**Sunday School Substitutes Needed!** We are looking for substitute teachers to help fill in as needed. Clearances are required. Please speak with Karen Lyngdoh or email [wvkids@westvalleypres.org](mailto: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.

**Fall Sermon Series: Colossians** –Next week we begin our new sermon series exploring what it means to be *Grounded & Growing In Christ*.

**Membership Class** – Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm. Contact Mark at [mark@westvalleypres.org](mailto:mark@westvalleypres.org) for more information.

## Growth Groups

Growth Groups are small gatherings of Christians who are committed together to moving people toward maturity in Christ. We encourage everyone to join to at least one group to explore God’s Word, pray together, and support one another. The following groups plan to meet in the Fall (more info to follow soon):

- **Young Adults** – Every other Sunday, 12pm
- **Youth group** – Sundays, 6pm in the choir room
- **Women’s Bible Studies** – Tuesdays, 7:30pm & Saturdays, 8am
- **Men’s Bible Studies** – Thursdays, 7:30pm
- **Kim’s Home Group** – TBD

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**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](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome) to fill out our welcome card.*



This Month's Memory Verse

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters – Psalm 23:1-2 (NIV)*

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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)  
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