

This morning's theme: Grounded in Christ

## Called to Worship

## Call to Worship: John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

## All Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

### O, praise Him! O, praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

## Scripture Reading: John 15:1-5

## Confessing Our Sin

### Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Words of Assurance: Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

### Celebrating the Gospel

### When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from his head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an of-f'ring far too small. Love so amazing so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all

### Announcements (see p. 7)

**<u>Receiving New Members</u>**: Daniel Goonewardene & Katie Phykitt For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:121

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## <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> – 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.

## Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God Dwells together in Spirit in faith and unity Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love Are the fruit of His presence here among us

> So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord And with one heart we'll live out his word Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come For he dwells in the presence of his people

Oh how good it is on this journey we share To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace When we offer the blessing of belonging

Oh how good it is to embrace his command To prefer one another forgive as he forgives When we live as one we all share in the love Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

### Consecrated by the Word

# <u>Scripture Reading</u>: Colossians 2:6-8 <u>Message</u>: Grounded & Growing In Christ Pastor Mark Howard


### Discuss:

- In what specific ways are you tempted to 'move on' from Christ?
- Think of at least 10 reasons to be "abounding in thanksgiving."

## Come Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy grace, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

## **Crown Him With Many Crowns**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me; Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

### **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: Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

### **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.



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This week:			
Today:	Sunday School Teacher Meeting (see below)		
	Zoom Prayer Meeting – 8:00pm-8:30pm (see below)		
Tuesday:	Women's Growth Group – 7:30pm in choir room		
	Kim's Growth Group – 7pm at the Kim's		
Thursday:	Men's Growth Group – 7:30pm in choir room		
Saturday:	<b>Women's Growth Group</b> – 8:00am via Zoom & at the Kims'		
Next Sunday:	Young Adults Growth Group – 12pm at the Fox's		
Youth Growth Group – 6pm in the choir room			
Announcements			

**Sunday School Teacher meeting TODAY** - All Sunday school teachers and those interested in teaching: Join us after the service today in the choir room for a brief, twenty minute informational meeting.

**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 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.

**Membership Class** – Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm. Contact Mark at 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 are meeting this fall. For more details visit westvalleypres.org/groups:

- > Young adults Every other Sunday, 12pm
- > Youth group Sundays, 6pm in the choir room
- ➢ Women's groups − Tuesdays, 7:30pm & Saturdays, 8am
- Men's groups Thursdays, 7:30pm
- **Kim's home group** (open to all) Tuesdays, 7pm

*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) www.westvalleypres.org | 610-421-8066 | PO Box 3741, Allentown, PA 18106