

This morning's theme: Grounded Through Proclamation

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6-7

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

<u>Rejoice The Lord Is King</u>

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and king adore; Mortals give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore;

> Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n, The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n;

He sits at God's right hand, till all His foes submit. And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, And take His servants up To their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel's voice, the trump of God shall sound, rejoice

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:4-15

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Celebrating the Gospel

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call When my hope is shaken Torn and ruined from the fall Hear my desperation For so long I've pled and prayed "God, come to my rescue" Even so, the thorn remains Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul Questions without answers On my faith these billows roll God, be now my shelter Why are you cast down, my soul? Hope in Him who saves you When the fires have all grown cold Cause this heart to praise You

> Oh, my soul, put your hope in God My Help, my Rock, I will praise Him Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm You're still my God, my Salvation

Should my life be torn from me Every worldly pleasure When all I possess is grief God, be then my treasure Be my vision in the night Be my hope and refuge Till my faith is turned to sight Lord, my heart will praise You

Announcements (see p. 7)

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> – Sunday school is available for PreK- 4th grade kids. Please take your children to the narthex during the greeting time. They will be brought back before the end of the service.

<u>Speak O Lord</u>

Speak O Lord as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word Take your truth, plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in your likeness That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak O Lord and fulfil in us All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-8

Message: Grounded In Christ

Pastor Mark Howard

4

Discuss:

- Do you see the genuine fruit of faith, love and hope in your life?
- Genuine fruit grows as we are rooted in God's Word. What are one or two ways you could draw from God's Word more consistently?

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

Communion in Sacrament

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.

<u>O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer</u>

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer Greatest treasure of my longing soul My God, like You there is no other True delight is found in You alone Your grace, a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer Strong defender of my weary heart My sword to fight the cruel deceiver And my shield against his hateful darts My song, when enemies surround me My hope, when tides of sorrow rise My joy, when trials are abounding Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Gracious Savior of my ruined life My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders In my place You suffered bled and died :You rose, the grave and death are conquered You broke my bonds of sin and shame : O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer May all my days bring glory to Your name

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: Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Benediction: Ephesians 1:17

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him.

This week:		
Today:	Young Adults Growth Group – 12pm at the Fox's	
	Youth Growth Group – 6pm in the choir room	
	Zoom Prayer Meeting – 8:00pm-8:30pm (see below)	
Tuesday:	Women's Growth Group – 7:30pm in choir room	
Wednesday:	Kim's Growth Group – 7pm at the Kim's	
Thursday:	Men's Growth Group – 7:30pm in choir room	
Saturday:	Women's Growth Group – 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 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 8th, 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 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) − Wednesdays, 7pm

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.



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)

Contact Information

Elders	elders@westvallevpres.org
Mark Howard	- 11 0
David Royes	
Chip Buck	

Deacons......deacons@westvalleypres.org Jeff Aiello

Buck Stetka Drew Damiani

Growth Group Contacts:

Men: Mark Howard	mark@westvalleypres.org
Women (Tuesday): Cherilyn Howard	cherilyn.whitney@gmail.com
Women (Saturday): Ellen Pearce	ellen@pearce.org
Young Adults: Anthony Falcone	falconeanthony525@gmail.com
Youth: Adam & Carolyn Geiger	youth@westvalleypres.org
Kim's home group: Tae Kim	coramdeo1997@gmail.com

Other Ministries:

Kids: Karen Lyngdoh	stensonbr@gmail.com WVkids@westvalleypres.org weziegenfus@gmail.com
Worship Service Coordinator:	danielle@westvalleypres.org
Administrative Assistant: Martha Lantz	office@westvalleypres.org

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