

This morning's theme: Grounded In Prayer

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:15-16

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace. that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Rejoice In All Your Works

Every mouth that cries for food, Every lung that yearns for breath, Every eye that searches through the dark for light, All creation looks to you For its breath and for its food. From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

> Oh rejoice in all your works, King of Heaven, King of Earth! Every creature you have made declares your praise. We rejoice in all you've made. God of all-sustaining grace! With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!

Every tree that thirsts for rain, Every bird that seeks its nest, Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad, All creation looks to you For its breath and for its food. From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart, And the song upon my lips, With the chorus of creation join in praise: To the God who made all things, To the Spirit who sustains, To the Son who over all creation reigns!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104:24-30

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have not honored your name; we have not sought your kingdom first; we have not done your will. Rather than depending on you, we have trusted in ourselves and sought help in other places. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, forgive us and cleanse us. By your Spirit, help us to love and obey you. In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Celebrating the Gospel

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea A great High Priest whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in Heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness The great unchangeable I The King of Glory and of Grace One with Himself, I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ, my Savior and my God

Announcements (see p. 7)

Testimony: Anthony Falcone

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.

<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.

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts Of a holy city built by God's own hand A place where peace and justice reign

> We will stand as children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day When the longed for Messiah would appear With the power to break the chains of sin and death And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go In the power of the Spirit to the lost To deliver captives and to preach good news In every corner of the earth

By faith this mountain shall be moved And the power of the gospel shall prevail For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-14

<u>Message</u> : Growing In Christ	Pastor Mark Howard
Notes:	

Discuss:

- How does Paul's prayer compare with the way you usually pray for yourself and others?
- In verses 10-14, Paul lists four aspects of a life that pleases God. What are they, and which one do you most need to grow in?

Our God Our Help In Ages Past

Our God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come, Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal Home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

Thy word commands our flesh to dust: "Return, ye sons of men!"
All nations rose from earth at first
And turn to earth again.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an ev'ning gone, Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Our God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come, Be Thou our Guide while troubles last, And our eternal Home!

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: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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: 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 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.

Prayer Night – NEXT Sunday, October 2nd at 6pm-7pm. Join us in-person next Sunday evening to pray for the world, for the church and for one another.

Membership Class – Saturday, October 8th, 9am-12pm. Contact Mark at mark@westvalleypres.org for more information.

Congregational Meeting – Everyone is invited to stay after the service on **Sunday**, **October 16**th for a brief presentation of our budget and an update on our "Build" action plan.

Sunday School Teacher Training – Saturday, October 22nd. Watch this space 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

The week'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)

Contact	Information

Growth Group Contacts:

Other Ministries:

Music: Brian Stenson........stensonbr@gmail.com Kids: Karen Lyngdoh......WVkids@westvalleypres.org Library: Liz Ziegenfus......weziegenfus@gmail.com

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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