This morning's theme: Hoping in Christ

### Called to Worship

### Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

#### **Father Long Before Creation**

Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love, And that love so deep, so moving, Draws us close to Christ above. Still it keeps us, still it keeps us. Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, Yet our God is e'er the same; His compassion and His covenant, through all ages will remain. God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day; Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way. God so loved us. God so loved us, that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love, And our songs will sound unceasing, 'til we reach our home above, Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb;

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

### Confessing Our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gone our own way and have not loved you as we should, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to do those things that we should have done, and we have done what we should not have done. We have broken your commands and justly deserve your condemnation. Father, we are truly sorry. For the sake of Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past. By your Spirit turn our hearts to love you and to love our neighbors. Help us to live a godly and obedient life for your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance: 1 Corinthians 6:11

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

### Celebrating the Gospel

#### My Worth is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own, Not in the strength of flesh and bone But in the costly wounds of love, at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name, In win or lose, in pride or shame But in the blood of Christ that flowed, at the cross

> I rejoice in my Redeemer Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die, Fame, youth and beauty hurry by But life eternal calls to us, at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might, Or human wisdom's fleeting light But I will boast in knowing Christ, at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess, My worth and my unworthiness My value fixed - my ransom paid, at the cross

### Announcements (see p. 7)

### <u>Pastoral Prayer</u>

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.

<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.

#### **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones he came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave he rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

# Consecrated by the Word

## Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-38

| <u>Message</u> : Hope After Death | Rev. Jonathan Stoddard |
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### 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.

#### There is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains *x*<sup>3</sup> And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day And there may I though vile as he Wash all my sins away *x*<sup>3</sup> And there may I though vile as he Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood Shall never lose its pow'r Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more *x3* Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more

When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save *x3*Then in a nobler sweeter song
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### **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 & Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

### This week:

**Today:** Congregational Meeting – after the service

**Young Adults** – 12:00pm at the Foxes

**Youth Growth Group** – 6:00pm in the choir room

**Zoom Prayer Meeting** – 8:00pm-8:30pm (see below)

Tuesday: No Women's Growth Group This Week

**Wednesday**: **Kim's Growth Group** – 7:00pm 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

**Congregational Meeting** – *TODAY* everyone is invited to stay after the service for a brief presentation of our budget and an update on our "Build" action plan.

**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.

### **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, 12:00pm
- ➤ Youth group Sundays, 6:00pm in the choir room
- ➤ Women's groups Tuesdays, 7:30pm & Saturdays, 8:00am
- ➤ **Men's groups** Thursdays, 7:30pm
- ➤ **Kim's home group** (open to all) Wednesdays, 7:00pm

**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 week's memory verse:

He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. – Psalm 23:3 (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