



January 16th, 2022

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Unity In The Spirit

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

O 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

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved you or loved our neighbor as you have commanded. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Romans 8:15

You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Celebrating the Gospel

The Solid Rock

My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Announcements – see page 7

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Kids Ministry – Sunday school will be available for PreK – 3rd grade during the sermon. Please take your kids into the narthex during the next song. They will be brought back into the service during the final song.

Speak O Lord

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 fulfill 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: Luke 18:1-14

Message: A Praying Church

Rev. Doug Tharp

Notes: _____

Come to the Feast

Go to the Highways and hedges,
go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel, the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city,
bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time.

*Come to the feast, come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, come to the table,
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered
Dressed in his pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt
So come by your Father be blessed

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.

We Will Say In That Day (Isaiah 12)

You will see there a highway from God's own hand
That will lead back the lost to the Promised Land;
And the voice of the Savior will call us friends,
Saying, "Join in the song of the Lord!"

We will call back our armies: "Return from war!"
And we'll make into plowshares our useless swords,
Very soon to forget what they once were for,
When we join in the song of the Lord!

*We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"
We will not be afraid, for He comes to save.
We will shout; we will call: "Every tribe and race,
Come and join in the song of the Lord!"*

You will see there a banquet for sinners spread,
Where we'll sit with the Lord at the table's head;
And our Shepherd himself is our wine and bread.
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

When the remnant return to the promised land;
When the highway of God brings us home to Him;
We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior friend;
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

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: Galatians 6:9-10

Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 9:10

May he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

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This week:

Today:	Youth Group – 6pm in the choir room
Tuesday:	Women’s Bible Study – 7:30pm in the choir room
Thursday:	Men’s Bible Study – 7:30pm in the choir room
Friday:	Prayer Call – 7am (see details below)
Saturday:	Women’s Bible Study – 8 am via Zoom

Announcements

Youth Group – Sundays at 6pm in the choir room. For more info contact Liz (weziegenfus@gmail.com).

Young Adults Group meets after the service, every other week in *the Fellowship Hall*. This fall-winter, we’ll seek to become better equipped to share our faith. Contact Anthony (falconeanthony525@gmail.com) for more info.

Bible Studies– Beginning this coming week we will be studying Nehemiah. Study guides are available at the welcome desk.

- *Women’s Bible Study* – Tuesdays, 7:30pm & Saturdays, 8am
- *Men’s Bible Study* – Thursdays, 7:30pm
- *Other fellowship groups* – contact the office for more info

Friday Prayer Call – *Every Friday, 7am*. Join us for this brief, 15-minute dial-in prayer time to focus your heart on the Lord and seek his help! Just dial 518-992-1099 and enter code 636625 on Fridays at 7am.

Membership Class – *THIS Saturday, January 22nd, 9am-12pm*. Want to learn more about West Valley? Interested in becoming a member? This short class is an opportunity to find out more. Sign-up now at westvalleypres.org/class.

Community Read & Book Brunch - The West Valley Library is pleased to announce our first Community Read. This month we are encouraging everyone to read *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund. This book has been recommended by our elders. Free copies are available on the library table. Read the book this month then attend our Book Brunch on **January 30th**. After worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for casual conversation about the book over coffee and bagels. Questions? Contact Liz Ziegenfus (weziegenfus@gmail.com)

This Month's Memory Verse

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. – Habakkuk 2:14

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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
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