



January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: Jesus Gives New Life*

## 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.

### **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

**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-10**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed down before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from our sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. In His name we pray, Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Romans 6:4**

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Celebrating the Gospel

**I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)**

Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
On Your Word, I will rely  
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied*

So put your hope in God alone  
Take courage in His power to save  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave

Now He has come to make a way  
And God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in his sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
Through the storm, and through the night  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
For Your love is my delight*

## **Announcements**

### **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.**

## **Greeting Time**

### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: John 1:35-51**

**Message: Seekers & Skeptics Sought**      **Pastor Mark Howard**

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**Discuss:**

- *Do you tend to be more of a seeker or a skeptic when it comes to God?*
- *Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. How is this both challenging and encouraging?*

**All I Have is Christ**

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me  
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

**Tithes and Offerings**

*An offering box is available near the exit. Alternatively, please consider giving online at [westvalleypres.org/give](http://westvalleypres.org/give). For more info visit the "giving info" link on our website.*

**Commission: 1 Peter 1:22-23**

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

**Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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***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](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome) to fill out our welcome card.*

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## This week:

- Today:**           **Youth Growth Group** – 6:00pm in the choir room  
                          **Zoom Prayer Meeting** – 8:00pm-8:30pm (see below)
- Tuesday:**       **Kims' Growth Group** – 7:00pm at the Kims'  
                          **Women's Growth Group** – 7:30pm in the choir room
- Thursday:**     **Men's Growth Group** – 7:30pm in the choir room
- Friday:**         **Youth Game Night** – 6:30pm at the Buonannos'
- Saturday:**     **Women's Growth Group** – 8:00am via Zoom & at the Kims'

## Announcements

**Evangelism Team Questionnaire** - Our Evangelism team is looking for your help. Please complete a brief survey to help keep us informed and to give shape to future plans. Visit [westvalleypres.org/evangelism](http://westvalleypres.org/evangelism) by *Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>* or scan the code below:



**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.

**Youth Game Night** – THIS Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm at the Buonannos' (2000 Hidden Valley Road, Macungie). Any youth, grades 6-12<sup>th</sup>, are welcome to join us for a time of snacks, games, and fellowship. *Please RSVP to [tmbuonanno@gmail.com](mailto:tmbuonanno@gmail.com) by January 25<sup>th</sup>.* If you'd like, please bring a snack to share.

**Growth Group Leader Training** – *Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>* and *Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>* from 9:00am – 12:00pm. New or potential leaders should attend BOTH sessions. Current leaders are invited to attend both but are encouraged to attend at least one. Sign up now at [westvalleypres.org/training](http://westvalleypres.org/training).

## The week's memory verse:

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. – Psalm 23:6 (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**

10:00am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville  
(Bethany's Wescosville Campus)

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