

This morning's theme: The Life-Giving Power of the Spirit

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: John 4:23-24

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

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

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36:25-27

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. In the name of Jesus, 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

His Mercy is More

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

> Praise the Lord, his mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us His blood was the payment his life was the cost We stood neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

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Pastoral Prayer

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanks givings 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 K- 3rd grade kids. Please take your children to the narthex during the greeting time. They will be brought back before the end of the service.

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong a 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 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 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 With Christ, my Savior and my God

Consecrated by the Word

Pastor Mark Howard

Discuss:

- Who are you tempted to look down on, and what does this reveal about the way you view the biggest problems in our society?
- The Triune God has eternally conspired you to rescue you. How does this give you confidence amid whatever you are facing right now?

O for a Thousand Toungues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

Come Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy grace, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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: Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. 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.



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This week:

Today: Young Adults Growth Group – 12pm at the Moores'

Youth Group – *Not meeting tonight*

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

Tuesday: **Kims' Growth Group** – 7:00pm at the Kims'

Women's Growth Group – *Not meeting this week*

Thursday: Men's Growth Group – 7:30pm in the 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.

Growth Group Leader Training – *Our next training will be held on February 25th* from 9am – 12pm in Carlson Hall. If you are a new leader, please attend (current leaders are encouraged to attend). Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/training.

Sunday School Survey – Scan this QR code or visit westvalleypres.org/survey to let us know what you thought of our recent Sunday School Pilot.



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 | Every other Friday, 9:30am (Feb. 24th)
- ➤ **Men's groups** Thursdays, 7:30pm
- ➤ **Kim's home group** (open to all) Tuesdays, 7:00pm

The week's memory verse:

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." 1 John 4:12

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Growing disciples of Jesus at home, at work and in our communities through the Word, prayer, and mutual encouragement

Meeting Location

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