



February 26th, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Meeting God Through Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain,
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou, My God shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, My God shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself, so great His love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray.
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light:
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my Living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 3:18

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

Celebrating the Gospel

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is a-live!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

Declaring Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Pastoral Prayer

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 & Kids Ministry – *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.*

Come Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King
Help us Thy Name to sing; help us to praise
Father all glorious, O'er all victorious
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days

Come, Thou Incarnate Word
Gird on Thy mighty sword; our prayer attend
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success
Spirit of holiness, on us descend

Come, Holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour
Thou, Who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r

To Thee, great One in Three
The highest praises be, hence, evermore
His sovereign majesty; may we in glory see
And to eternity, love and adore

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-42

Message: True Grace

Pastor Mark Howard

Discuss:

- *Jesus is the only satisfying source of life. Where are you tempted to find satisfaction and life apart from Him?*
- *Who do you think could never become a Christian? Why? Pray for them and for an open heart toward them.*

Oh Give Thanks to the Lord (Psalm 107)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

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.

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.*



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 (*March 10th & 24th*)
- **Men’s groups** – Thursdays, 7:30pm
- **Kim’s home group** (open to all) – Tuesdays, 7:00pm

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This week:

- Today:** **Young Adults Growth Group** – 12pm at the Moores’
 Youth Growth Group – 6:00pm in the choir room
 Prayer Meeting – 6:00-7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- 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:** **Friday Night Fellowship** – 6pm-7:30pm in the
 Fellowship Hall
- Saturday:** **Women’s Growth Group** – 8:00am via Zoom & at
 the Kims’

Announcements

MISSIONS Prayer Meeting - Join us **in-person tonight, 6pm-7pm** to hear more from Chris and Ashlyn and to pray for them, the world, the nation, and the church.

Friday Night Fellowship – **THIS Friday, March 3rd, 6pm.** Join us for desert at 6pm and an update from **Joshua and Charline Jacobs** from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Women’s Soup & Psalms Event – Saturday, March 25th, 11:30am-1:30pm at the Millers (3820 Larkspur Drive, Allentown). Please join us for a time of fellowship over delicious soups and then savor God’s wonderful love to us in Psalm 103. This is a great opportunity to invite friends & neighbors! Kindly RSVP to Amy at 484-560-2758 (gregthao@msn.com).

Men’s Event: Fools for Christ – Save the date of Saturday, April 1st. More information to follow.

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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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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