West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Justice

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1, 4-5

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n Occupy my lowly heart Own it all and reign supreme Conquer every rebel pow'r Let no vice or sin remain That resists Your holy war You have loved and purchased me Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin Had no ears to hear Your voice Did not know Your love within Had no taste for heaven's joys Then Your Spirit gave me life Opened up Your Word to me Through the gospel of Your Son Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life That's dependent on Your grace Keep my heart and guard my soul From the evils that I face You are worthy to be praised With my every thought and deed O great God of highest heav'n Glorify Your Name through me

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrating the Gospel

<u>He Will Hold Me Fast</u>

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

> He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last!

Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 36:5-9 (NIV)

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, Your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; You give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; In your light we see light.

Announcements: (page 7)

Testimony: Liz Ziegenfus

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.

<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.

<u>Oh Give Thanks to the Lord (Psalm 107)</u>

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.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 2:5-20

<u>Message</u>: God's Perfect Justice

Pastor Mark Howard

Discuss:

- How do you feel about God allowing Babylon's victims to declare His sentence on them in Habakkuk 2?
- In what way is God's justice both good news and bad news for you?

<u>Rejoice the Lord is King</u>

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and king adore; Mortals give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore;

> Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains He took His seat above; His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n, The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n;

He sits at God's right hand, till all His foes submit. And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, And take His servants up To their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel's voice, the trump of God shall sound, rejoice

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 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion 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.



This week:		
Today:	Young Adults Growth Group – 12pm at the Moores'	
	Youth Growth Group – 6:00pm in the choir room	
	Zoom Prayer Meeting – 8:00pm-8:30pm (see below)	
Tuesday:	Kim's 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	
Saturday:	Men's Event: Fools for Christ – (more info below)	
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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.

Men's Event: Fools for Christ – Join us *THIS SATURDAY* for breakfast, Bible teaching, discussion, and prayer from 8:30am-10:30am. Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/fools.

Good Friday Service – Friday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a short service of songs, Scripture readings, and a message that focuses our hearts on the crucified Savior. Consider inviting friends and neighbors to this service and/or Easter Sunday.

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 spring. 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 | Every other Friday, 9:30am
- Men's groups Thursdays, 7:30pm
- ➢ Kim's home group (open to all) − Tuesdays, 7:00pm

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgement, but has passed from death to life." John 5:24

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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) www.westvalleypres.org | 610-421-8066 | PO Box 3741, Allentown, PA 18106