



April 9th, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: He Is Risen

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He has given us new birth into a living hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

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Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia
Hail, the resurrection day, Alleluia

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from 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. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 2:4-5

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

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

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

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 & Kids Ministry – *Sunday school is available for PreK- 2nd grade. THERE IS NO 3-4th GRADE CLASS TODAY. Children will be brought back before the end of the service.*

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world, by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Message: The Meaning of Easter

Pastor Mark Howard

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you, eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.

*As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
Around the table of the King.*

Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands, their Friend and King
Christ, Christ He is risen
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed
Oh, sing hallelujah
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet, sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness
He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive, He's alive, Now in heaven glorified

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: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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:

- Tuesday:** **Kims' Growth Group** – 7:00pm at the Kims'
 Women's Growth Group – 7:30pm in the choir room
- Wednesday:** **Howards' Growth Group** – 7:00pm at the Howards'
- Thursday:** **Men's Growth Group** – 7:30pm in the choir room
- Friday:** **Women's Growth Group** – 9:30am, Goonewardenes'
- Sunday:** **Sunday School** – 9:00am – 9:45am

Announcements

New Growth Group – Beginning April 12th the Howard's will host a new Growth Group meeting on Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm.

Sunday School – *Next Sunday*, we will begin our adults and kids Sunday School program from 9:00am-9:45am. Adults will be working through:



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WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

Interested in a finding out more about Jesus? Christianity Explored is a 7-week course where you can ask any question you like! Next Sunday, April 16th, join us at 9:00am downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and discussion. For more info, email office@westvalleypres.org.

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The week's memory verse:

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.” -Psalm 91:1

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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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