



April 23rd, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Suffering Servant

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood,
of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe,
doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,
from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed,
His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-12

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offences and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Revelation 5:9-10

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

Celebrating the Gospel

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
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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 Am
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
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Declaring Our Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Missions Interview: David & Ruth Green

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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 Time

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in Spirit in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out his word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For he dwells in the presence of his people*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Oh how good it is to embrace his command
To prefer one another forgive as he forgives
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-20

Message: He Loved Them to the End

Rev. David Green

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand, till all His foes submit.
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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: Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sister, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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.

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:** **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 in the Fellowship Hall

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.

Sunday School – Join us next Sunday as we continue our adults and kids Sunday School from 9:00am-9:45am. Adults will be working through:



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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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