



April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: Confidence Amid Conflict*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 47:6-7**

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

### **Crown Him With Many Crowns**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

## **Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20**

### Confessing Our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

#### **Words of Assurance: Hebrews 6:19-20**

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.

### Celebrating the Gospel

#### **Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor**

Christ the sure and steady anchor  
in the fury of the storm;  
when the winds of doubt blow through me,  
and my sails have all been torn.  
In the suffering, in the sorrow,  
when my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor,  
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor  
while the tempest rages on;  
when temptation claims the battle,  
and it seems the night has won.  
Deeper still, then, goes the anchor,  
though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor,  
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
through the floods of unbelief;  
hopeless somehow, o my soul now,  
lift your eyes to Calvary!  
This my ballast of assurance,  
see His love forever proved;  
I will hold fast to the anchor,  
it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
as we face the wave of death;  
when these trials give way to glory,  
as we draw our final breath.  
We will cross that great horizon,  
clouds behind and life secure;  
and the calm will be the better,  
for the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation,  
ever faithful, ever true;  
we will hold fast to the anchor,  
it shall never be removed.

### **Declaring Our Faith:**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Announcements:** (page 7)

**Testimony:** Daniel Goonewardene

### **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 Time**

**Jesus Paid It All**

I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in me thine all in all

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow*

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy power and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

For nothing good have I  
whereby Thy grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Acts 19:21-41**

**Message: Bad for Business**

**Pastor Mark Howard**

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*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the Father,  
Through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory;  
Great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

### **Tithes and Offerings**

*An offering box is available near the exit. Alternatively, please consider giving online at [westvalleypres.org/give](http://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.

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***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](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome) to fill out our welcome card.*

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## This week:

- Today:**           **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
- Sunday:**        **Sunday School** – 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

## Announcements

**Volunteers Needed!** – If you'd like help with Sunday School set-up, email Tom Buonanno at [tmbuonanno@gmail.com](mailto:tmbuonanno@gmail.com)

**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 the course *Christianity Explored*.

## 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](http://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 (*Upcoming dates: May 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>*)
- **Men's groups** – Thursdays, 7:30pm
- **Kims' home group** – Tuesdays, 7:00pm
- **Howards' home group** – Wednesdays, 7:00pm

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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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