

This morning's theme: The Good Shepherd

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6-7

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners poor and wretched Weak and wounded sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity joined with power He is able, He is able He is willing; doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance Every grace that brings you nigh Without money, without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden bruised and broken by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all Not the righteous, not the righteous Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requires Is to feel your need of Him This He gives you, this He gives you Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended Pleads the merit of His blood Venture on Him; venture wholly Let no other trust intrude None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:30-34

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Celebrating the Gospel

Thy Mercy

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue Thy free grace alone from the first to the last Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here Sin would reduce me to utter despair But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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Praver

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

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Consecrated by the Word	
Scripture Reading: Acts 20:17-38	
Message: God's Word God's Way	Pastor Mark Howard

Discuss:

- God uses his Word to build us up. Who can you encourage by sharing something you've learned from God's Word this morning?
- The pattern of Christian service includes humility and heart-felt love. How can we grow in each of these areas?

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

> Praise the Lord, his mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us His blood was the payment his life was the cost We stood neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

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.



Weekly Growth Groups

Sunday – Young Adults, next Sunday, 12pm at the Moores'

Youth, Sundays, 6:00pm at the Goonewardenes'

Tuesday – Kims' Home Group, 7:00pm

Women's, 7:30pm, in the choir room

Wednesday - Howards' Home Group, 7:00pm

Thursday – *Men's*, 6:30am at the Wegmans on Tilghman St.

Men's, 7:30pm in the choir room

Friday – *Women's*, 9:30am at the Goonewardenes'

Saturday – *Women's*, contact the office for more info

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. For details visit westvalleypres.org/groups.

Announcements

Volunteers Needed! – If you'd like help with Sunday School set-up, email Tom Buonanno at 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*.

*** Build Plan Update & Lunch – after the service NEXT Sunday, May 21st. Join us for lunch and a brief update on what the Lord has been doing at West Valley over the last year. The main dish will be provided so please sign up to bring a side or dessert at westvalleypres.org/lunch.

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This Month's Memory Verse:

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matthew 6:19-21

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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

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