



May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: Following Christ Through Suffering*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:8-9**

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,  
declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my  
ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **Rejoice in All Your Works**

Every mouth that cries for food,  
Every lung that yearns for breath,  
Every eye that searches through the dark for light—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,  
King of Heaven, King of Earth!  
Every creature you have made declares your praise.  
We rejoice in all you've made,  
God of all-sustaining grace!  
With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,  
Every bird that seeks its nest,  
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food.  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,  
And the song upon my lips,  
With the chorus of creation join in praise:  
To the God who made all things,  
To the Spirit who sustains,  
To the Son who over all creation reigns!

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-3**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Dear Father, we are thankful for your great mercy. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Malachi 3:6-7**

I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

Celebrating the Gospel

**O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer**

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song, when enemies surround me  
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy, when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your name x2

### **Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 103:8-14**

**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

### **Announcements & 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**

#### **The Compassion Hymn**

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us,  
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.  
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress,  
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand,  
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed a - gain.  
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears;  
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.





## **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: Luke 9:23**

Jesus says “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

### **Benediction: 1 Peter 5:10-11**

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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## Weekly Growth Groups

- Sunday** – *Young Adults* is on break for the Summer.  
*Youth*, Sundays, 6:00pm in the choir room
- 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
- 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](http://westvalleypres.org/groups).*

## Announcements

**Summer Sunday School** – Adult Sunday School ends this week; Kids' Sunday School will meet before the service over the Summer. Watch this space for more info about the Adult Book Discussion (begins June 18th).

**Summer Reading Program!** – More details coming June 4th. To make room for new summer books, we will have gently used books and DVDs that need new homes. Check out the library table to find your next read!

**Lost & Found** – During the spring cleaning of the library, we discovered a number of items that have been left behind. We have set the items out next to the library table. Please take a look to see if anything is yours. Any items that remain after 2 weeks will be donated.

**Diaper Drive** – We are collecting new packs of diapers for Bright Hope Pregnancy Center (until Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>). Please leave donations in the basket by the welcome desk. They especially need sizes 6, 7, and 4T-5T.

**Baptism & Communion** – Should I get my kids baptized? How do you know when they're ready to receive communion? Join us in the choir room *NEXT Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am* to consider these questions.

**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.

**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**

10:00am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville  
(Bethany's Wescosville Campus)

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