



June 4th, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Life-Changing Power

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 111:1-3

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
"God, come to my rescue"
Even so, the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God, be now my shelter
Why are you cast down, my soul?
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God
My Help, my Rock, I will praise Him
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm
You're still my God, my Salvation*

Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God, be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
Till my faith is turned to sight
Lord, my heart will praise You

Scripture Reading: John 5:25-29

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

It Is Well

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Though Satan should buffet though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

*It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Declaring Our Faith: 1 Peter 1

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Announcements & 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

Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm am found,
was blind, but now I see

*Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me,
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away,
They're washed away*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun

*Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me,
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away (x2)
They're washed away*

Discuss:

- *What are some false accusation you've heard leveled against Christians today? How might you graciously answer them?*
- *Have you ever seen God use surprising means (like Paul's arrest) to preserve and protect his people?*

Take My Life And Let It Be –

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold:
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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.

Commission: Ephesians 5:8

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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** – Youth, Sundays, 6:00pm in the choir room
Prayer Meeting – 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
- Tuesday** – *Kims' Group*, 7:00pm
Women's, 7:30pm, in the choir room
- Wednesday** – *Howards' 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 Goonewardene's
After June 9th, this group will be on break for Summer
- 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

In Person Prayer Meeting – Join us tonight at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary to pray for the world, the nation, and the church.

Prayer Call Change – We are moving our weekly prayer call to *Mondays from 7:00am-7:15am*. It is now dial-in only – call (646)-558-8656 and enter meeting code 820 8319 4443.

Summer Sunday School – Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet before the service (9:00am) during the Summer.

The Armor of God is the theme of our 2023 Summer Reading Program! We are encouraging readers of all ages to participate in the following activities: Memorization Station, Book Raffle, Book Discussion of Rembrandt is in the Wind, and a field trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Saturday, July 15th. Stop by the Library Table for more details!

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

Text/Email Scams - Many churches have recently been targeted by text and email scams. If you receive suspicious communication claiming to be from our leadership, please report it as spam or confirm it with the office before responding (office@westvalleypres.org).

This Month's Memory Verse:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Eph. 6:10-12

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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
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