



June 18th, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Protecting Power

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

All: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Our Song From Age to Age

Oh God of power, living Word, the One who made the stars
Who with Your glory filled the earth from dust made beating hearts
You loved us when we fell away poured mercy on our souls
And promised grace would come to save to loose death's iron hold

*You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise again and again*

Oh God of promises fulfilled he God who took on flesh
Who did all that the Father willed was humbled unto death
You bore our cross of sin and shame, endured our agony
With gladness we now bear Your name and worship at Your feet

*You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise again and again
You are our song from age to age
We will proclaim your power to save again and again*

Oh God who surely guides our steps through tempests and through trials
Our Shepherd King Your way is best though tears now veil our eyes
Your steadfast love our perfect hope our eyes are fixed on grace
We have no doubt you'll lead us home to finally see Your face

Oh God of all of history, enthroned in realms of light
What eyes of faith have strained to see Will one day fill our sight
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns Before the Savior's feet
And sing as all the heav'ns resound for all eternity

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Loving heavenly Father, we confess that we are rebellious children: we have resisted your Fatherly care and discipline; we have not honored our earthly parents; we have failed to respect the authorities you have set over us. Thank you for the perfect obedience of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we have been adopted as your children. By your Spirit, help us to live as faithful members of your family. Help us to reflect your love in our homes. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Isaiah 54:9-10

"As I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Celebrating the Gospel

Come Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy grace, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Declaring Our Faith: Heidelberg Q1: *What is your only comfort in life and death?*

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry;
With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven,
Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father,
Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home!

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: Ephesians 6:10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Benediction: Psalm 121:7-8

May the LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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.*



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Weekly Growth Groups

- Monday** – *Zoom Prayer Meeting* – 7:00am (see below)
- Tuesday** – *Kims' Group*, 7:00pm
- Wednesday** – *Howards' 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.

Announcements

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

Guys' Night – Next Friday, June 23rd, 6:00p.m. at the Moores'—join the men of West Valley for a time of fellowship and food. Please bring something to throw on the grill or drinks to share.

Summer Sunday School – Adults are welcome to join us next Sunday at 9:00am to discuss *Chapter 2: Michelangelo of Rembrandt is in the Wind*. Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:00am

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!

Summer Open House - Beginning July 12, join us any time from 6pm-8pm at the Howards for an informal time of snacks and fellowship. All ages welcome! We are looking for hosts on August 9th and 23rd. If you are interested in hosting, please email 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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