

This morning's theme: God's Supreme Power

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 9:7-10

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice.

All: And he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good Lord! How Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn mine eye If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care And everywhere that man can be thou God art present there

Scripture Reading: Psalm 91

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. We admit that our hearts are full of idols. Even when we worship you, we are halfhearted; our thoughts of you are too small; we make you in our own image rather than worship you in spirit and in truth. Thank you that you have saved us and make us true worshipers through Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, help us to offer our whole lives in heartfelt worship. In Jesus name, Amen.

Words of Assurance: Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Celebrating the Gospel

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then, Nailed to a cross of wood.

> This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; Took the blame, bore the wrath We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain, written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

> This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 86:8-13

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

Announcements & Prayer

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.

1 Timothy 2:1–2.

Testimony

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 That Is Greater

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

> Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss; Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe; You that are longing to see his face, Will you this moment his grace receive?

Scripture Reading: Acts 24						
<u>Message</u> : Are Christians A Plague?	Mark Howard					

Consecrated by the Word

Discuss:

- Why might people view Christianity as a threat to peace and public order today?
- How can we grow in confidence as we seek to defend the gospel against these misunderstandings?

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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: Amos 9:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

May he who builds his lofty place in the heavens and sets its foundation on the earth, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land, grant you an awareness of His love that you may be always joyful, praying continually and giving thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you. 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

Monday – Zoom Prayer Meeting – 7:00am (see below)

Tuesday – Kims' Group, 7:00pm

Wednesday – *Howards' Group*, 7:00pm

Thursday – Men's Groups are on break for the 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

Monday Prayer Call – Join us on *Mondays from 7:00am-7:15am* join us via Zoom to pray for the world, the nation, and the church. It is now exclusively dial-in (**via phone only**); call (646)-558-8656 and enter meeting code 820 8319 4443.

Summer Sunday School – Adults are welcome to join us next Sunday at 9:00am to discuss *Chapter 3: Caravaggio* of *Rembrandt is in the Wind*. Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:00am.

In Person Prayer Meeting – Join us Sunday, July 9th at 6:00pm to pray for the world, the nation, and the church. The Rozema Family will be joining us to share about their work.

Summer Open House - Beginning July 12th, 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

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