This morning's theme: God's Sustaining Power

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-6

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

All: For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Leader: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

All: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Rejoice in All Your Works

Every mouth that cries for food, 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: Acts 25

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, passed by the hungry, the poor; and the oppressed. In Your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Celebrating the Gospel

<u>Christ Our Hope in Life and Death</u>

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

> O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed, And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 90:1-4, 12-14

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Amen.

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

Jesus What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus what a Friend for sinners Jesus Lover of my soul Friends may fail me, foes assail me He, my Savior, makes me whole

> Hallelujah what a Savior Hallelujah what a Friend Saving, helping, keeping, loving He is with me to the end

Jesus what a Strength in weakness Let me hide myself in Him Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins

Jesus what a help in sorrow While the billows o'er me roll Even when my heart is breaking He, my Comfort, helps my soul

Jesus I do now receive Him More than all in Him I find He hath granted me forgiveness I am His, and He is mine

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Acts 25-26

<u>Message</u>: Enduring Trials

Mark Howard

Discuss:

- Is anyone you know facing a discouraging and escalating series of seemingly unjust trials?
- How can you use what we see in Acts 25-26 to encourage them?

Communion in Sacrament

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

<u>Lift High the Name</u>

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King. Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace. Remember how His mercy reached And we cried out to Him. He lifted us to solid ground, To freedom from our sin.

> Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done, Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord. His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world. To share the reason for our hope, To serve with love and grace, That all who see Him shine through us Might bring the Father praise.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light. No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He opens up our eyes to see The harvest He has grown. We labor in His fields of grace As He leads 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: James 5:7-8

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

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.

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 GroupsMonday –Zoom Prayer Meeting – 7:00am (see below)Tuesday –Kims' Group, 7:00pmWednesday – Howards' Group, 7:00pmWomen'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 next Sunday, July 9th at 5:45pm for dessert and an opportunity to pray for the world, the nation, and the church. The Rozema Family will be joining us to share about their work.

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 4: Rembrandt* of *Rembrandt is in the Wind*. Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:00am.

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!

Thank you from Bright Hope Pregnancy Centers –

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Center Diaper drive. We blessed them with 10 large boxes and some smaller packs of size 6 diapers, and a few other packs of smaller sizes and wipes. They have been in need of size 6 and God answered their prayer through West Valleys' generous donations. – Maria K. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. Eph. 6:13-15

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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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