



July 23rd, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Safeguarding Power

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all
your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the
pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with
good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Man of Sorrows

Man of Sorrows what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah What a Savior

Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah What a Savior

Guilty, vile, and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
"Full atonement!" can it be
Hallelujah What a Savior

Lifted up was He to die
"It is finished!" was His cry
Now in Heav'n exalted high
Hallelujah What a Savior

When He comes, our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew His song we'll sing
Hallelujah What a Savior

Scripture Reading: Psalm 91

Prayer of Confession

When you would guide me I control myself; when you would be sovereign I rule myself; when you would take care of me I suffice myself; when I should depend on your provision I supply myself; when I should submit to your providence I follow my will; when I should study, love, honor, trust you, I serve myself. I fault and correct your laws to suit myself. Convince me that I cannot be my own God or make myself happy. Take me to the cross and leave me there.

Words of Assurance: Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Celebrating the Gospel

Lord Have Mercy

For what we have done and left undone
We fall on Your countless mercies
For sins that are known and those unknown
We call on Your name so holy
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes
For scorning our very neighbor
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us*

For what You have done, Your life of love
You perfectly lived, we praise You
Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes
You finished the work God gave You
And there on the tree, a King among thieves
You bled for a world's betrayal
You loved to the end, our merciful friend
How pure and forever faithful

For hearts that are cold for seizing control
For scorning our very Maker
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King
How deeply we need a Savior

Declaring Our Faith: *From Romans 8*

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

Tis So Sweet

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His word.
Just to rest upon His promise,
just to know "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus.
O for grace to trust Him more.*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust His cleansing blood.
And in simple faith to plunge me,
'neath the healing, cleansing flood.

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease.
Just from Jesus simply taking life
and rest and joy and peace.

Discuss:

- Why is being in community so important to help us maintain a consistent and courageous witness?
- What are some of the excuses you use for not being more courageous in sharing Jesus?

O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above,
And gratefully sing His pow'r and His love:
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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: 1 Corinthians 15:58

My beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Benediction: Philippians 4:19-20

May God supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory 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

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.

Most of our Growth Groups are on break for the summer. For details please email office@westvalleypres.org. In the meantime, join us as we meet each Wednesday at our Summer Open House (info below).

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.

Memorization Station – Will be open before and after worship beginning this Sunday (across from the welcome desk). All ages are welcome to memorize Ephesians 6:10-17 and earn a vinyl sticker. Don't forget to participate in the Book Raffle which is also open to all ages! Any book you read or listen to this summer is eligible. Just fill out a raffle slip at the library table and place it in the age-appropriate jar.

Wednesday Summer Open House – Join us this Wednesday from 6pm-8pm at the Howards for an informal time of snacks and fellowship. All ages welcome!

Summer Sunday School – Adults are welcome to join us next Sunday in the choir room at 9:00am discuss Chapter 5: Vermeer of *Rembrandt is in the Wind* about their work. Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:00am.

This Month's Memory Verse:

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

10:00am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville
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