



July 30th, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Power Over Evil

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings Yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

Scripture Reading: Job 1:6-12

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Romans 5:8

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Celebrating the Gospel

O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin had no ears to hear Your voice
did not know Your love within had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life opened up Your Word to me
through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
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Declaring Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfil in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Discuss:

- Do you take the ‘spiritual forces of evil’ seriously? Why or why not?
- How can help one another stand firm against the devils strategies?

Let the Nations Be Glad

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ has come

*Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord
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Let the nations be glad*

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died
Still we're holding out the cross
Crossing oceans suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

As your holy church goes forth, in the Holy Spirit's power
With the glories of the Gospel to exclaim
Now we pray Your kingdom come
And we pray Your will be done
For the honor and the glory of Your name

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: Matthew 10:37-38

Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Benediction: Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

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).

West Valley Annual Picnic – Join us for our annual picnic right after the service on Sunday, August 27th at Emmaus Community Park. More details to follow!

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 6: Bazille 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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