



August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: God's Love for His Church*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 133**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

### **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:3-6**

Confessing Our Sin

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: 1 John 4:9-11**

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Celebrating the Gospel

**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.

### **Receiving New Members**

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Cor. 12:12*

### **Announcements & Prayer**

*Urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. 1 Tim. 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**

#### **All Glory Be to Christ**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!  
All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,  
All glory be to Christ!*



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*Discuss:*

- What opportunities do you have to help others develop a Biblical worldview by ‘speaking the truth in love’? How can you make the most of these?
- How can bad behaviors lead to false beliefs? How can we help one another avoid this danger?

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.**

**Oh Give Thanks to the Lord (Psalm 107)**

We were wand’ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.  
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.  
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;  
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.  
In the shadow of death’s darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.  
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,*

*To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.  
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.  
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;  
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,  
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.  
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,  
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

### **Tithes and Offerings**

*An offering box is available near the exit. Alternatively, please consider giving online at [westvalleypres.org/give](http://westvalleypres.org/give). For more info visit the "giving info" link on our website.*

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission: Galatians 6:9-10**

Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### **Benediction: Romans 15:5-6**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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***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](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome) to fill out our welcome card.*



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## 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](http://westvalleypres.org/groups).*

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

**In Person Prayer Meeting *Tonight*** – Join us tonight at 6:00pm in the choir room to pray for the world, the nation, and the church.

**Summer Open House** – Join us this Wednesday (8/9) from 6pm-8pm at the Royes for an informal time of snacks and fellowship. All ages welcome! These are the families hosting in August:

Royes – 8/9

Kims – 8/16

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**Young Adults** – Our Young Adults Growth Group will resume meeting on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be reading through *When People Are Big and God is Small* by Ed Welch. Contact Anthony at [falconeanthony525@gmail.com](mailto:falconeanthony525@gmail.com) for more details.

**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 in the choir room at 9:00am discuss Chapter 7: Van Gogh of *Rembrandt is in the Wind* about their work. Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:00am.

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

**This Month's Memory Verse:**

*In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

*Eph. 6:16-18*

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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  
(Bethany's Wescosville Campus)

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