



August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: God's Promises of Peace*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 117**

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

### **O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer**

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song, when enemies surround me  
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy, when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your name  
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### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of all truth, we confess that we have not been truthful people: we have been careless with our words, scheming in our thoughts and deceptive in our deeds. You always speak truth, but we have spoken lies; you always keep your promises, but we have broken ours. According to your promise in Christ Jesus, forgive our sins, and by the Spirit of truth help us to reflect your trustworthy character. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: 1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrating the Gospel

**God Be Merciful to Me**

God be merciful to me  
On thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion thou  
Blot out my transgressions now  
Wash me, Make me pure within  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress  
I have sinned against thy grace  
And provoked thee to thy face  
I confess thy judgment just  
Speechless I thy mercy trust

I am evil, born in sin  
Thou desirest truth within  
Thou alone my Savior art  
Teach thy wisdom to my heart  
Make me pure, thy grace bestow  
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust  
By thy wrath and judgement just  
Let my contrite heart rejoice  
And in gladness hear thy voice  
From my sins O hide thy face  
Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew  
Make my spirit right and true  
Cast me not away from thee  
Let thy Spirit dwell in me  
Thy salvation's joy impart  
Steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me  
And return O God to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove  
And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips O Lord  
And my mouth shall praise accord

### **Declaring Our Faith** – Psalm 136:1-6, 23-26

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

to him who alone does great wonders,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
and rescued us from our foes,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
he who gives food to all flesh,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

### **Announcements & Prayer**

*I 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**

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*  
*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22, 6:10-15**

*Mark Howard*

**Message: Fitting Footwear**

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*Discuss:*

- Jesus reconciles us to God *and* to one another. Do you tend to stress one of these dimension at the expense of the other?
- What are some of the main threats to maintaining peaceful relationships with other believers?
- Are you tempted to pursue (or proclaim) peace in some way other than through the gospel? If so, why won't this work?

## He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
"Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last!

### **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 & Benediction: Jude 20-21, 24-25**

Building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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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).

**Summer Open House** – Join us this Wednesday (8/16) from 6pm-8pm at the Kims for an informal time of snacks and fellowship. *This week David and Ruth Green will be joining us!* All ages welcome! These are the families hosting in August:

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 9: Edward Hopper 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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