



August 20th, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Love of God in Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

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Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men,
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way,
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

*You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for,
Oh our hearts always hunger for*

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Herein our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
Oh we're falling before Your throne

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have not loved you from the heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have shown us mercy, but we have been harsh and unforgiving. You show love to all, but we show favor only to our friends. Our hearts are corrupt and we are guilty. Please forgive us and cleanse us from our sin. Help us by your Spirit to reflect your love and kindness. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Revelation 5:9-10

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore thee
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee
perfect in power in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty
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Declaring Our Faith – *Ephesians 2:1-5*

We were once dead in the trespasses and sins in which we once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace we have been saved!

Announcements (page 7)

Missions Update: Meg Weik

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

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the risen King
who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing,
to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

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: Ephesians 5:2

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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).

Summer Sunday School – There is *no Sunday School* next week (8/27) for adults or kids.

West Valley Annual Picnic – *Next Sunday*, August 27th at the North & Lions Club Pavilions at Emmaus Community Park. To access, enter the park from the S 14th Street Entrance; they are the third & fourth pavilions on the left. The church will be providing a main course of fried chicken. Please sign up at westvalleypres.org/picnic (or via the QR Code below) to bring a green salad, side, dessert, or drinks.



Book Raffle – *This Sunday* is the last day to participate in the summer reading program book raffle. Fill out a slip on the library table for the books you've read and place the slip in the appropriate jar to be eligible for the prize (a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card) which will be awarded at the church picnic. You don't need to be present to win but we hope to see you there!

Summer Open House – Join us this Wednesday (8/23) from 6pm-8pm at the Goonewardenes for an informal time of snacks and fellowship. *This is our last Summer Open House of the year.*

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.

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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