

This morning's theme: Taking God at His Word

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:6-8

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

The Solid Rock

My Hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name

> On Christ the solid rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:89-96

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. By our actions and attitudes we condone what you condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Celebrating the Gospel

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm; when the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn. In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on; when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won.

Deeper still, then, goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; hopeless somehow, o my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary!
This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath. We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true; we will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Declaring Our Faith - Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

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

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness Who walk by faith and not by sight By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts Of a holy city built by God's own hand A place where peace and justice reign

> We will stand as children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day When the longed for Messiah would appear With the power to break the chains of sin and death And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go In the power of the Spirit to the lost To deliver captives and to preach good news In every corner of the earth

By faith this mountain shall be moved And the power of the gospel shall prevail For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name

Consecrated by the word	
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-16	Mark Howard
Message: The Nature and Necessity of Faith	

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent word What more can he say than to you he hath said To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with you oh be not dismayed For I am thy God and will still give thee aid I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply. The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to His foes That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake I'll never, no never, no never forsake

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: Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Benediction: Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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 – Come join us today, right after the service, at Emmaus Community Park. We'll be at the North Pavilion & Lion's Club Pavilion (enter the park from the S 14th Street Entrance; we'll be at the third & fourth pavilions on the left).

Officer Nominations – We will be accepting nominations for new elders and deacons from Sunday, September 3rd to Sunday, September 17th. More information to follow!

Summer Sunday School – Adults are welcome to join us next Sunday in the choir room at 9:00am discuss Chapter 10: Lilias Trotter of *Rembrandt is in the Wind*. Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:00am.

Young Adults Growth Group - Our Young Adults Growth Group will resume meeting on Sunday, September 10th at the Foxes. We will be reading through *When People Are Big and God is Small* by Ed Welch. Contact Anthony at 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.

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

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