



September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: The Gift of Prayer*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:15-16**

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong a perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in Heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
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When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I  
The King of Glory and of Grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Savior and my God  
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**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1-7**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Hebrews 6:19-20**

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.

Celebrating the Gospel

**Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call**

Lord, from sorrows deep I call  
When my hope is shaken  
Torn and ruined from the fall  
Hear my desperation  
For so long I've pled and prayed  
"God, come to my rescue"  
Even so, the thorn remains  
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul  
Questions without answers  
On my faith these billows roll  
God, be now my shelter  
Why are you cast down, my soul?  
Hope in Him who saves you  
When the fires have all grown cold  
Cause this heart to praise You

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God  
My Help, my Rock, I will praise Him  
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm  
You're still my God, my Salvation*

Should my life be torn from me  
Every worldly pleasure  
When all I possess is grief  
God, be then my treasure  
Be my vision in the night  
Be my hope and refuge  
Till my faith is turned to sight  
Lord, my heart will praise You

**Declaring Our Faith** – *Psalm 86:8-11*

**There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

**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**

**Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and al-ways;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.



*Discuss:*

- Why do we struggle to pray consistently? What are some practical ways to grow in this?
- Are you stuck in a rut, praying for the same things over and over? If so, how can you expand your focus and pray more comprehensively?

**Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes:

**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: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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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

- Sunday** – *Young Adults*, 12:00pm at the Foxes  
*Prayer Meeting*, 6:00pm in the choir room
- Tuesday** – *Kims' Home Group*, 7:30pm  
*Women's*, 7:30pm (**starts 9/12**) in the choir room
- Wednesday** – *Howards' Home Group* (**starts 9/13**), 7:00pm
- Thursday** – *Men's*, 6:30am at the Wegmans on Tilghman St.  
*Men's*, 7:00pm in the choir room
- Friday** – *Women's*, (**starts 9/15**), 9:30am, every other week at the Goonewardenes' (childcare provided)
- Saturday** – *Women's*, (**starts 9/16**) 9:00am

*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).*

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

**Officer Nominations** – We will be accepting nominations for new elders and deacons from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup>. You can access the nomination form at [westvalleypres.org/officers](http://westvalleypres.org/officers).

**Sunday School** – Adults are welcome to join us next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am where we will continue to consider the qualifications and process for electing church officers. Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:00am.

**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.

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This Month's Memory Verse:

*"Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." -Psalm 100:3*

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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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