



September 17th, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Power of God's Son

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:32-35

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and king adore;
Mortals give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand,
till all His foes submit.
And bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice, the trump of God
shall sound, rejoice

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 45:1-5

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek Your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to Your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Celebrating the Gospel

There is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains x3
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Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away x3
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more x3
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save x3
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Declaring Our Faith – *Philippians 2:5-11*

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 She is his new creation by water and the Word.
 From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
 With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
 Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food.
 And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping, shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
 Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: John 5:1-18 *Mark Howard*

Message: God's Son vs. Superstition

Discuss:

- Are there ways *you* are superstitious? What would it look like to substitute these with faith in Christ?

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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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: Proverbs 3:5-6

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

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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 to fill out our welcome card.*



Weekly Growth Groups

- Tuesday** – *Kims' Home Group, 7:30pm*
*Women's, *7:00pm in the choir room (*new time)*
- Wednesday** – *Howards' Home Group, 7:00pm*
- Thursday** – *Men's, 6:30am at the Wegmans on Tilghman St.*
Men's, 7:00pm in the choir room
- Friday** – *Women's, 9:30am, every other week at the*
Goonewardenes' (childcare provided) upcoming
dates: 9/29
- Saturday** – *Women's, 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.

Officer Nominations – *Today is the last day to submit nominations for new elders and deacons. You can access the nomination form at westvalleypres.org/officers.*

Officer Training Orientation – Saturday, September 23rd from 8-10:00am (location will be announced soon).

Sunday School – Adults are welcome to join us next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am where we will spend time praying for the church and for one another. Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:00am.

Good books looking for a new home! – Check out the West Valley Library table for free books to add to your home library.

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:

"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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