



October 1st, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Witnesses to God's Son

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-2

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:18-22

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from You. We confess the times we have not acknowledged you or given you our thanks. We have taken your gifts for granted, and not worshiped and served You, the Giver. Thank you for the greatest gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom there is redemption and forgiveness. For His sake, forgive us and cleanse us and make us thankful people. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Romans 5:8

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Celebrating the Gospel

His Mercy is More

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment his life was the cost
We stood neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Declaring Our Faith – *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements & Prayer

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

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in Spirit in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out his word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For he dwells in the presence of his people*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Oh how good it is to embrace his command
To prefer one another forgive as he forgives
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: John 5:30-45

Message: Witnesses to God's Son

Mark Howard

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.

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above
And gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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.

Commission: Acts 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

***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, 7:00pm*
Women's, 7:00pm in the choir room
- 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 available, please let
Joanne know if needed) next meeting: 10/13, 10/27
- 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.

Congregational Meeting – *Today*, in the Sanctuary after the service.

Youth Group Volunteers Needed! – Are you a college student, young adult or high school student interested in investing in middle schoolers? Come to the choir room after our congregational meeting *today* to find out more about our new youth group and how to get involved.

Adopt-A-College-Student – Are you a student looking for a home away from home? Or are you interested in 'adopting' a student? Sign up at westvalleypres.org/students.

Fall Men's Retreat – Friday, Nov. 3rd – Saturday, Nov. 4th. Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/retreat.

Angel Food Network Food Drive - We are aiming to collect *200 boxes of mac & cheese* for the Angel Network which serves in-need families in the East Penn school district. Please place your contributions on the welcome desk. The deadline is Sunday, December 3rd.

Sunday School – Next Sunday, 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall, we will continue reviewing our membership vows. This is for both potential and current members. 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.

This Month's Memory Verse:

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. - John 5:24

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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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