



October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: The Limitless Resources of God's Son*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-5**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Leader: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**All: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

### **Rejoice in All Your Works**

Every mouth that cries for food,

Every lung that yearns for breath,

Every eye that searches through the dark for light—

All creation looks to you

For its breath and for its food.

From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

*Oh rejoice in all your works,*

*King of Heaven, King of Earth!*

*Every creature you have made declares your praise.*

*We rejoice in all you've made,*

*God of all-sustaining grace!*

*With the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise!*

Every tree that thirsts for rain,

Every bird that seeks its nest,

Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad—

All creation looks to you

For its breath and for its food.

From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

May the pond'rings of my heart,

And the song upon my lips,

With the chorus of creation join in praise:

To the God who made all things,

To the Spirit who sustains,

To the Son who over all creation reigns!

## **Scripture Reading: Psalm 65**

### Confessing Our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offences and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.**

#### **Words of Assurance: 2 Corinthians 8:9**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

### Celebrating the Gospel

#### **Thy Mercy**

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

**Declaring Our Faith** – *Ephesians 1:3-10*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

**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**

**From the Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee**

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark  
O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth  
Our works, alas are all in vain, in much the best life faileth  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might  
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in mine own merit  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word, upholds my fainting spirit  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support  
I wait for it with patience I wait for it with patience.



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*Discuss:*

- In what sense are even the greatest things we can seek in this life like ‘fast food’?
- Why do we find it easier to toil than to trust 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.**

### **Living Waters**

Are you thirsty, are you empty  
Come and drink these living waters  
Tired and broken, peace unspoken  
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing  
At the cross of living waters  
Lay your life down, all the old gone  
Rise up in these living waters

*There’s a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children to the shore line  
Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty  
Come, and drink these living waters  
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless  
Christ, He is our living waters

### **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: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen

### **Benediction: Philippians 4:19-20**

May God supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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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

- 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: 10/27*
- 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](http://westvalleypres.org/groups).*

**Fellowship Lunch** – Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, after the service in the fellowship hall. The church will be providing the main dish. Please sign up to bring a side at [westvalleypres.org/lunch](http://westvalleypres.org/lunch).

**Youth Group Volunteer Meeting** – If you have volunteered to help with youth group, head to the choir room directly after the service to finalize plans.

**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](http://westvalleypres.org/students).

**Fall Men's Retreat (11/3 & 11/4)** – Please sign up via [westvalleypres.org/retreat](http://westvalleypres.org/retreat) by *this Friday*, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Angel Food Network Food Drive** – We are aiming to collect 200 boxes of *mac & cheese* for the Angel Network. Please place your contributions on the welcome desk. The deadline is Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Crates For Ukraine** – Place donations in the offering box with 'Crates for Ukraine' in the memo or visit [westvalleypres.org/give](http://westvalleypres.org/give) and select "Crate for Ukraine" from the dropdown. Deadline is Sunday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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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