



October 29th, 2023

West Valley Presbyterian Church

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

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:8-9

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Come People Of The Risen King

Come people of the risen King
who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing,
to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days,
with the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land,
men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands,
find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing,
shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age,
"Our God is all in all"!

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Celebrating the Gospel

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross

Declaring Our Faith – Heidelberg Q1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Announcements

The Baptism of Aumari, Julian, Isla, and Noah Wolfe

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. – Matt 28:19

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

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.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: John 7:1-13

Message: Hating Jesus

Mark Howard

Discuss:

- Why does the world hate Jesus? (see John 7:7)
- Think of modern examples of the four ways people express hatred for Jesus in John 7. Which of these do you see most clearly in *yourself*?

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world, by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

- Sunday** – *Young Adults, 12:00pm at the Foxes'*
- 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)
- 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.

Fellowship Lunch – Next Sunday, Nov. 5th, 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 or via the QR code below.



Diaper Baby Shower – West Valley ladies are welcome to join us Tuesday, Nov. 7th at 7pm at the church to celebrate expecting moms Liz P., Annemarie B., and Kelly B. Please RSVP to Joanne G. at 610-762-8633 for more details.

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 3rd.

Monday Prayer Call – Join us Mondays from 7:00am-7:15am via Zoom to pray for the world, the nation, and the church. It is now exclusively dial-in; call (646)-558-8656 and enter meeting code 820 8319 4443.

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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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