



February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: Experiencing Grace Together*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 133**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

### **All Creatures Of Our God And King**

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along  
O praise Him! Alleluia  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice

Thou flowing water pure and clear  
make music for thy Lord to hear  
Alleluia Alleluia  
Thou fire so masterful and bright  
That givest man both warmth and light

And all ye men of tender heart  
Forgiving others, take your part  
O sing ye Alleluia  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear  
Praise God and on Him cast your care

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One

## **Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-19**

### Confessing Our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of peace: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Words of Assurance: 1 John 4:9-11**

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### Celebrating the Gospel

#### **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.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **Declaring Our Faith:**

**Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!” For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Amen.**

## **Announcements** (page 7)

### **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**

#### **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;

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o’er earth and Heav’n,  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv’n;

He sits at God's right hand,  
till all His foes submit.  
And bow to his command  
and fall beneath his feet.

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!*

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Global Grace**

*Mark Howard*

**Message: Exodus 18**

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*Discuss:*

- How might the hardships you are currently facing present an opportunity for God to display his grace to others?
- Which do you tend to do most often: uncritically accept worldly wisdom, or arrogantly ignore good advice?

### **Lift High The Name**

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.  
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him.  
He lifted us to solid ground,  
To freedom from our sin.

*Oh sing my soul,  
And tell all He's done,  
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.  
His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world.  
To share the reason for our hope,  
To serve with love and grace,  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.  
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown.  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home.

### **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.*

**Commission: Colossians 3:12-15**

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And may the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in one body.

**Benediction: Romans 15:5-6**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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** – *Lantzes’ Home Group, 5:30pm*  
*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). Upcoming dates: 2/9*
- 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).*

**Angel Network Drive** - Help us collect *200 bars of soap* for the Angel Network's Spring baskets to assist East Penn families. Please place donations on the Welcome Desk by March 10th.

**Sunday School** – 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The Adults' class will be working through the course "God's Big Picture". Kids' Sunday School will also meet at 9:00am.

**Prayer Meeting** – Next Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm in choir room. Come and commit our building search and upcoming move to the Lord in prayer! A zoom link will also be available.

**Growth Group Leader Training** – Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you currently lead a group or interested in starting one, come and learn more about how to lead others to grow through God's Word.

**Monday Prayer Call** – Join us on 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. Contact Liz at [weziegenfus@gmail.com](mailto:weziegenfus@gmail.com) for more info.

**Membership Class & Lunch** – Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> after the service. For everyone interested in learning more about membership at West Valley. Sign up now at [westvalleypres.org/class](http://westvalleypres.org/class).

**Transportation Needs** – Are you able to help provide transportation to and from church? Or are you in need of transportation? If so, please contact the Deacon ([deacons@westvalleypres.org](mailto:deacons@westvalleypres.org)).

**New Shepherding Plan** – To better serve the congregation, we are assigning an elder and deacon to each member and regular attender. We aim to reach out once a month for prayer requests and to ask about any other needs. The list of assigned elders and deacons is available at the back of church. *We apologize if your name is not on the list! Please let Mark know and he will correct this asap.*

This Month's Memory Verse:

*I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.— Ephesians 4:1-3*

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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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