



February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: God's Good Commands*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 9:7-10**

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice,

**All: And he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.**

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

### **All Hail the Power of Jesus Name**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.

## **Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-2**

### Confessing Our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gone our own way and have not loved you as we should, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to do those things that we should have done, and we have done what we should not have done. We have broken your commands and justly deserve your condemnation. Father, we are truly sorry. For the sake of Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past. By your Spirit turn our hearts to love you and to love our neighbors. Help us to live a godly and obedient life for your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Words of Assurance: Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

### Celebrating the Gospel

#### **Lord Have Mercy**

For what we have done and left undone  
We fall on Your countless mercies  
For sins that are known and those unknown  
We call on Your name so holy  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes  
For scorning our very neighbor  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us*

For what You have done, Your life of love  
You perfectly lived, we praise You  
Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes  
You finished the work God gave You  
And there on the tree, a King among thieves  
You bled for a world's betrayal  
You loved to the end, our merciful friend  
How pure and forever faithful

For hearts that are cold for seizing control  
For scorning our very Maker  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior

**Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 19:7-11**

**The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

**Announcements** (page 7)

**Sunday School Teacher Appreciation**

**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**

**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

**Consecrated by the Word**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 20**

*Mark Howard*

**Message: Commanding Grace**

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*Discuss:*

- Why are we tempted to downplay the ten commandments?
- How do the ten commandments help us love God and other people?

**Crown Him With Many Crowns**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
and round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

### **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: Acts 20:32**

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

### **Benediction: Psalm 121:7-8**

May the LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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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: 2/23, 3/8*
- 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).*

**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.

**Transportation Needs** – We are seeking volunteers to help Lauren G, a member of our congregation who uses a wheelchair, with transportation to and from church. If you are interested, or have any questions, contact Joy at [spunkygal633@gmail.com](mailto:spunkygal633@gmail.com).

**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 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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.

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  
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