March 31st, 2024 West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus Reigns!

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3 Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. All: He has given us new birth into a living hope by raising Jesus from the dead. Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia Following our exalted Head, Alleluia Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia Hail, the resurrection day, Alleluia

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Words of Assurance: John 5:24

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Celebrating the Gospel

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer Greatest treasure of my longing soul My God, like You there is no other True delight is found in You alone Your grace, a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer Strong defender of my weary heart My sword to fight the cruel deceiver And my shield against his hateful darts My song, when enemies surround me My hope, when tides of sorrow rise My joy, when trials are abounding Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Gracious Savior of my ruined life My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders In my place You suffered bled and died You rose, the grave and death are conquered You broke my bonds of sin and shame : O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer May all my days bring glory to Your name May all my days bring glory to Your name

Declaring Our Faith: 1 Corinthians 15

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

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<u>Prayer</u>

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. 1 Tim. 2:1–2

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>

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

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity In our longing, in our darkness Now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery He the perfect Son of Man In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is a-live! What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes:

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:42 -16:8

Mark Howard

Message: A Fresh Start

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Discuss:

- Why does it matter that Jesus truly died on the cross?
- Jesus' resurrection means we can have a fresh start! How does this encourage you, and who could you encourage with this good news?

<u>Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed</u>

How can it be, the One who died Has borne our sin through sacrifice To conquer every sting of death Sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes Alive He stands, their Friend and King Christ, Christ He is risen

> Christ is risen, He is risen indeed Oh, sing hallelujah Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed Christ is risen, He is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been They saw Him and their hearts believed But blessed are those who have not seen Yet, sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith They preached the truth and power of grace And pouring out their lives they gained Life, life everlasting The power that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to powerfully save He frees our hearts to live His grace Go tell of His goodness

> *He's alive, He's alive Heaven's gates are opened wide He's alive, He's alive Now in heaven glorified*

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: 2 Peter 3:13-14, 18

According to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Benediction: John 11:25

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

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.



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Weekly Growth Groups

Tuesday –	<i>Kims' Home Group</i> , 7:00pm <i>Women's</i> , 7:00pm in the choir room
Wednesday –	Lantzes' Home Group, 5:30pm Howards' Home Group, 7:00pm
Thursday –	<i>Men's</i> , 6:30am at the Wegmans on Tilghman St. <i>Men's</i> , 7:00pm in the choir room
Friday –	<i>Women's,</i> 9:30am, every other week at the Goonewardenes' (childcare available, please let Joanne know if needed). Upcoming dates: 4/5, 4/19
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.

New Meeting Time and Location – Starting April 21st, we will be meeting at Church of the Good Shepherd in Alburtis. Sunday school will begin at 1:30pm and worship will start at 2:30pm. Use QR code for directions.



Sunday School – Diogo Inawashiro will be visiting next week to share about the Portuguese-speaking ministry of Christ the King, Philadelphia.

Women's Conference – Reminder to register for the Eastern PA Presbytery Women's conference on April 27th. We will be carpooling, so please contact Liz Ziegenfus if you need a ride. To register online go to westvalleypres.org/conference.

Church Lunch and Open House – Sunday, April 14. Join us for a fellowship lunch after the service followed by a visit to our new location, Church of the Good Shepherd at 2:30pm.

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 484–597–1191.

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 for more info.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." – 1 John 1:9

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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

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