



April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: God's Covenant Love*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 136:1-3**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good

**For his steadfast love endures forever**

Give thanks to the God of gods

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords

**For his steadfast love endures forever**

### **Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation

O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear now to His temple draw near

Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth

Shelters thee under His wings Yea, so gently sustaineth

Hast thou not seen How all your longings have been

Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do

If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him

Let the Amen sound from His people again

Gladly for aye we adore Him

### **Scripture Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Celebrating the Gospel

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

**Declaring Our Faith:** *Psalm 36:3-9*

**Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.**

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**Prayer**

*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**

**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: Exodus 24**

*Mark Howard*

**Message: Fellowship with God**

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## **We Will Feast In The House Of Zion**

*We will feast in the house of Zion.*

*We will sing with our hearts restored.*

*“He has done great things,” we will say together.*

*We will feast, and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,  
He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid;  
For the promised morning, Oh how long!  
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,  
You are the faithful One;  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together, bring shalom.

## **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: Ephesians 5:2**

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### **Benediction: Romans 15:13**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom 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, now meeting at the Ziegenfus home*
- 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: 5/3, 5/17*
- 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 Next Week** – There will be kids' Sunday School next week, 1:30pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, Albutis. Info to follow about the adult class.

**Women's Conference** – Remember to register for the Eastern PA Presbytery Women's conference on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be carpooling, so please contact Liz Ziegenfus if you need a ride. To register online go to [westvalleypres.org/conference](http://westvalleypres.org/conference).

**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 [wezienfus@gmail.com](mailto:wezienfus@gmail.com) for more info.

**Women's Bible Study Location Change** – The 7pm Tuesday Women's Bible study will meet at Liz Ziegenfus' house through the Spring.

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**This Month's Memory Verse:**

*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, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the ages. -Matthew 29:19-20*

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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**

2:30pm at 135 Quarry Rd, Alburtis  
(Church of the Good Shepherd)  
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