



April 28th, 2024

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Humility of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:15-16

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4

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: 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

God Be Merciful To Me

God be merciful to me
On thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, Make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against thy grace
And provoked thee to thy face
I confess thy judgment just
Speechless I thy mercy trust

I am evil, born in sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust
By thy wrath and judgement just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear thy voice
From my sins O hide thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from thee
Let thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart
Steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me
And return O God to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips O Lord
And my mouth shall praise accord

Declaring Our Faith: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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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

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come my Lord, no longer tarry
Take my ransomed soul away
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless days

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 & Benediction: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever.
Amen

WELCOME! *If you are new to West Valley, we are glad you joined us this afternoon. Please scan this code or visit westvalleypres.org/welcome to fill out our welcome card.*



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.

Sunday School Next Week – Kids' and adult Sunday School takes place at 1:30pm. Adults class is in Fellowship Hall. Next week we'll consider Biblical principles and practicalities for keeping the Sabbath.

Lawn Chairs and Fellowship – Check the weather and bring lawn chairs and blankets so you can fellowship outside and enjoy the spring!

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.

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

Pre-K Sunday School class- Starting this Sunday, a preschool class for kids 3-5 will be available during the sermon. Please take your kids to the classroom marked 'PreK' during the greeting time.

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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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