



May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: God's love for his people*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 107:1-3**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

### **Jesus What A Friend For Sinners**

Jesus what a Friend for sinners  
Jesus Lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me  
He, my Savior, makes me whole

*Hallelujah what a Savior  
Hallelujah what a Friend  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end*

Jesus what a Strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in Him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing  
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins

Jesus what a help in sorrow  
While the billows o'er me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul

Jesus I do now receive Him  
More than all in Him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness  
I am His, and He is mine

### **Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. 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

**Wonderful Merciful Savior**

Wonderful, merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

*You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost our way  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

Almighty, infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

**Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 136:1-6, 23-26**

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;**

to him who alone does great wonders,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

to him who by understanding made the heavens,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

to him who spread out the earth above the waters,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

and rescued us from our foes,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

he who gives food to all flesh,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**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**

*A preschool class for kids 3-5 is available during the sermon. Please take your kids to the classroom marked 'PreK' during the greeting time.*

**My Heart Is Filled**

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me in His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace;  
Whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow Him.

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 87**

**Message: The Family of Faith**

*Matt Bostrom*

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**Communion in Sacrament**

*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.* 1 Corinthians 11:28

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**To God Be The Glory**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
So lov'd He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the Life Gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the Father,  
Through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory;  
Great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

### **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: Micah 6:8**

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### **Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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***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](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, 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 at Church of The Good Shepherd*
- Friday** – *Women's, 9:30am, every other week at the*  
*Goonewardenes' (childcare available, please let Joanne*  
*know if needed). Upcoming dates: 5/17, 5/31*
- Saturday** – *Women's, 9:00am (email Joy at ljclymer@gmail.com*  
*(for more details)*

*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** – Kids' and adult Sunday School takes place at 1:30pm. Our adult class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

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

**Set-up Help** – Would you be willing to serve on a rotation to help with set-up before the service? If so, email [office@westvalleypres.org](mailto:office@westvalleypres.org) for more information.

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

**Women's Breakfast** – Join the West Valley ladies and bring a friend for food and fellowship on June 28 from 9-11am. The theme is "Lament and Praise." More information to follow soon.

**State Park Meet-ups** – Gatherings are planned at Promised Land State Park on June 22 and Ricketts Glenn on July 27. Check the church email for more information or contact Alice Kim at [agkim1997@gmail.com](mailto:agkim1997@gmail.com).

## This Month's Memory Verse:

*God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us -Romans 5:8*

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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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