



May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This Sunday's Theme: Joy amid Suffering*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 30: 4-5**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

### **Psalm 34 (Taste and See)**

*Magnify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name together  
glorify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name forever*

I sought the Lord and He answered me  
And delivered me from every fear  
Those who look on Him are radiant  
They'll never be ashamed, They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me  
And saved me from my enemies  
The son of God surrounds his saints  
He will deliver them, He will deliver them

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good  
Oh blessed is He who hides in him  
Oh fear the Lord all of you saints  
He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything

### **Scripture Reading**

## Confessing Our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Dear Father, we are thankful for your great mercy. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Romans 8:15**

You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Celebrating the Gospel

**In You O Lord I Am Found**

O Lord, you know me and search me out:  
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,  
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,  
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;  
I long for you but from you I hide.  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight  
And night overtakes my troubled mind  
In darkness you, my Daylight will shine  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.  
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;  
You wrote with love each one of my days.  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,  
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?  
No height, nor depth can separate me:  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

**Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD 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.*

### Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call  
When my hope is shaken  
Torn and ruined from the fall  
Hear my desperation  
For so long I've pled and prayed  
"God, come to my rescue"  
Even so, the thorn remains  
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul  
Questions without answers  
On my faith these billows roll  
God, be now my shelter  
Why are you cast down, my soul?  
Hope in Him who saves you  
When the fires have all grown cold  
Cause this heart to praise You

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God  
My Help, my Rock, I will praise Him  
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm  
You're still my God, my Salvation*

Should my life be torn from me  
Every worldly pleasure  
When all I possess is grief  
God, be then my treasure  
Be my vision in the night  
Be my hope and refuge  
Till my faith is turned to sight  
Lord, my heart will praise You

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Philipians 1:12-18**

**Message: Jesus First in Suffering**

**Pastor Mark Howard**

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### **Rejoice The Lord Is King**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and king adore;  
Mortals give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand,  
till all His foes submit.  
And bow to his command  
and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear  
the archangel's voice, the trump of God  
shall sound, rejoice

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## **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: James 5:7-8**

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

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

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.

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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*
- 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 Ellen at [ellen@pearce.org](mailto:ellen@pearce.org) for more info.

**Women's Breakfast** – Join the West Valley ladies and bring a friend for food and fellowship on June 29<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> and Ricketts Glenn on July 27<sup>th</sup>. 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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