



June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This Sunday's Theme: Our Eternal Hope*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 16:11**

The Lord has made known to us the path of life; in His presence there is fullness of joy; at His right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **Rejoice**

Rejoice in the Lord now and always  
Sing it again, we rejoice  
Delight in the love He has shown us  
Gratefully lift up your voice  
His gentleness among us  
Will join our hearts with praise  
We gather in His goodness  
A family of grace

*With each breath He's given  
Praise the Lord  
In these times we live in  
We will praise the Lord  
Throughout every season  
I am sure  
We have every reason  
To praise the Lord*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing  
Praying for all that you need  
Come with a song of thanksgiving  
Lay your requests at His feet  
His peace will fall upon us  
To guard our hearts and minds  
In Christ who reigns eternal  
The Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always  
Tell of the good He has done  
Worship the Lord to remember  
All of the joy yet to come  
The hope that burns within us  
The dark cannot destroy  
With praise that's never-ending  
We say again, rejoice

## **Scripture Reading: Psalm 130**

### Confessing Our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have given us a sure hope and future, yet we confess that we have set our hope on other things: money, family, success, pleasure. Forgive us for breaking your Law and putting these things ahead of you. By your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on your promises and to lead holy lives as we await Christ's return. In Jesus name, Amen.**

#### **Words of Assurance: Ephesians 2:4-5**

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

### Celebrating the Gospel

#### **Christ Our Hope In Life And Death**

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

**Declaring Our Faith:** *From 1 Peter 1*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**Announcements** *(page 7)*

**Testimony:** Sarah Stone

**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**

*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.*

**'Tis So Sweet**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word.  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus saith the Lord."

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood.  
And in simple faith to plunge me, 'neath the healing, cleansing flood.

*Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus.  
O for grace to trust Him more.*

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease.  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.  
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:18-26**

**Message: Jesus First in Life and Death**

**Mark Howard**

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*Discuss:*

- Are there any ‘trials’ up ahead you are worried about? If so, ask someone to pray for you.
- Which do you think is easier: living for Jesus or dying for Jesus? Why?

## Communion in Sacrament

### **The Lord’s Supper**

*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.**

### **Eternal Weight Of Glory**

Now the days and hours and moments  
Of our suffering seem so long;  
And the toilsome wait and wond’ring  
Threaten silence to our song.  
Now our pain is real and pressing  
Where our faith is thin and weak,  
But our hope is set on Jesus;  
And we cling to him, our strength.

Oh eternal weight of glory!  
Oh inheritance divine!  
We will see our Lord redeeming  
Every past and future time.  
All our pains will be transfigured,  
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.  
We will see the weight of glory,  
And our broken years restored.

*For behold! I tell a myst'ry:  
At the trumpet sound we'll wake!  
Death is swallowed up in vict'ry  
When we meet our King of Grace.  
Every year we thought was wasted,  
Every night we cried "How long?"  
All will be a passing moment  
In our Savior's vict'ry song*

We will see our wounded Savior.  
We'll behold him face to face;  
And we'll hear our anguished stories  
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

### **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 & Benediction: 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.

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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*

**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** – 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 summer!

**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. 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." Check the flyer for more information.

**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).

**Men's Cookout** – Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm at the Moore's. Email [jklantz@outlook.com](mailto:jklantz@outlook.com) for more information.

*Church of the Good Shepherd* have invited us to the following events:

- **Hot Dog Roast** on *Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>* – please sign up at the back.
- **VBS** on *July 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>*, 6pm-8:30pm. To sign-up, or to volunteer to help with decorations etc. email Melody at [COGUCCVBS@gmail.com](mailto:COGUCCVBS@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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