



July 7th, 2024

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This Sunday's Theme: Christ Our Confidence

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Living Waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line
Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty, are you empty
Come, and drink these living waters
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless
Christ, He is our living waters

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Hebrews 6:19-20

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.

Celebrating the Gospel

I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)

For God alone, I wait in silence;
My soul is still before the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation,
My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

*I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in His love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I wait and trust His steadfast love!*

Put not your hope in gain of riches;
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,
Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you;
No other love will not run dry..

Declaring Our Faith: From Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Announcements (page 7)

Ministry Update: Megan Weik

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.

Jesus Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to Him

Jesus said, if I am weak
I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to Him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to Him

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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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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: Ephesians 6:10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Benediction: Colossians 2:2-3

May your hearts be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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.*



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Weekly Growth Groups

Tuesday – *Kims' Home Group, 7:00pm*

Wednesday – *SUMMER OPEN HOUSE, 6pm-8pm at Howards*

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. Next week our adult class will discuss chapter 4 of *Becoming a Welcoming Church*.

Summer Open House – Beginning THIS Wednesday, July 10, join us on Wednesdays any time from 6pm-8pm at the Howards for an informal time of snacks and fellowship. All ages welcome!

Five-Day Bible Club - All kids are invited to attend the 5-Day Bible Club at the Goonewardenes' this week, July 8th -12th from 9:30-11:00am.

Lantz Baby Sprinkle - All women are invited to a casual time of encouragement and prayer for Martha Lantz on Tuesday, July 16th at 7pm at the Goonewardene home. Bring diapers size 2 or larger for a diaper collection if you would like! Text Joanne at 610-762-8633 to RSVP and for the address.

State Park Meet-ups – Join us at Ricketts Glenn on July 27th at the waterfall loop parking lot at 10:00am for the "19 Waterfalls" hike. Afterwards, we will be swimming at Lake Jean beach at 1:00pm (feel free to bring lunch and fellowship over a picnic). Contact Alice Kim at agkim1997@gmail.com for more info.

Summer Picnic – Save the date for our end of summer picnic on Saturday, August 24th! More details to follow.

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

- **VBS** on July 22nd-26th, 6pm-8:30pm. To sign-up, or to volunteer to help with decorations etc. email Melody at COGUCCVBS@gmail.com

This Month's Memory Verse:

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

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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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