



September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

# WEST VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*This Sunday's Theme: The Work of Christ*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 145:3-4**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood,  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe,  
doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,  
from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed,  
His truth to triumph through us:  
The prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word will fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
through Him Who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53:1-10**

Confessing Our Sin

**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 3:18**

Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

Celebrating the Gospel

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

**Declaring Our Faith:** *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.**

**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 ESTHER during the greeting time. Nursery is available in the GENESIS room.*

**By Faith**

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Colossians 4:2-9**

**Message: Three Steps for Reaching Out**

**Mark Howard**

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Discuss:

- What is one thing you will take away from today’s sermon?
- Who will you share this with during the coming week?

## 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.**

## **Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed.

Thro' many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

## **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 and Benediction: Ephesians 3:16-19**

May God the Father, grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Please join us for coffee and snacks after the service!**

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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

**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. **Our other groups that will resume soon!***

*For details visit [westvalleypres.org/groups](http://westvalleypres.org/groups).*

**Sunday School Next Week** – Adult and children Sunday School will resume next week (September 8) at 1:30pm

**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.

**Young Adults Fellowship Event** – Join us NEXT Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm here at Good Shepherd for dinner and lawn games!

**Sound Volunteers Needed!** - Interested in joining our Sound Team? For more info, please contact Brian Klinetob at [bklinetob@gmail.com](mailto:bklinetob@gmail.com).

**Coffee Volunteers Needed!** – If you would like to learn more about joining our coffee setup team, please email Marie Buonanno at [tmbuonanno@gmail.com](mailto:tmbuonanno@gmail.com).

**West Valley Crafters** – If you'd like to sell some of your handmade creations at Good Shepherd's Fall Craft Show on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, please speak to Karen Lyngdoh ([karenlyngdoh@gmail.com](mailto:karenlyngdoh@gmail.com)) or Tamela Seitz ([wellspringtamela@gmail.com](mailto:wellspringtamela@gmail.com)) about sharing a table.

**Farmers Market Sign Up** – West Valley will have a table at the *Macungie Farmers Market* on September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>, and at the *Emmaus End-of-Summer Festival* on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Sign up to help at [westvalleypres.org/market](http://westvalleypres.org/market).

**Young Adults Survey** – If you are involved or interested in our Young Adults Growth Group, please scan the QR code in your pew to complete a short survey.

This Month's Memory Verse:

*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.*

1 Peter 1:3b

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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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