
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship
Sunday, March 4 2007

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:16-20

God Calls His People to Worship¹ ...

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory?"

Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

¹ "Worship" is not something that WE initiate; not primarily something that WE do for GOD; rather, God initiates and directs worship as a means by which HE shapes and tunes US to declare and display HIS glory in Christ for HIS pleasure and our good.

... His People Come by Faith ...

* I know That My Redeemer Lives

Hymn #281

* Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

God Tunes the Heart of His People ...

... through our Confession of Faith...

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

... through our Declaration of Praise ...

* Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness

Hymn #520

* He is Exalted

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... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:19b-31

Message

Instruments for Glory

* Lift High the Cross

Hymn# 263

God's People Respond to His Word by Faith...

Prayers of the People

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

We Offer Ourselves & Our Resources to Him

God Sends His People Out with His Blessing ...

* King of the Nations

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* God's Benediction²

"The Lord spoke to Moses, "Thus you shall bless My people:
"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."
In this way shall I put my name upon my people, and I will bless
them."

Numbers 6:24-26

² "Benediction" is the "good Word" of God's blessing by which He secures, sustains and equips his people to display His glory

