
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Sunday, March 18 2007

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who have an anxious heart,

"Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."

At that time the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Isaiah 35:1-7

God Calls His People to Worship¹ ...

And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35:8-10

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 ...

*How Sweet and Awesome

Hymn #469

*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 ...

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Titus 3:5-7

Psalter Reading

Psalms 34

Hymns of Praise

*Shout to the Lord

Insert

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Name

Hymn #647

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:32-35

Message

"Behold, Your God ..."

*Wonderful Merciful Savior

Insert

Celebration of Communion

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

*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! Amen

We Offer Ourselves & Our Resources to Him

God Sends His People Out with His Blessing ...

*Be Thou My Vision

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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

