
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Sunday August 17, 2008

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Please take a moment to greet one another according to the Good News of the Gospel: we who were dead are made alive by God's abounding grace and mercy in Jesus Christ!

Meditation

Robyn Davis

"Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

'My way is hidden from the Lord and my right is disregarded by my God?'

Have you know known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, He does not faint or grown weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40:27-31

God Gathers His People ...

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love the Lord.

Psalm 33:1-5

** Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul*

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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 Declaring our Faith...

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Congregation:

Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth,

and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a

bridegroom leaving his chamber,

and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of

them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

...and our Praise ...

** Great Is the Lord*

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** O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

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... God Feeds His People...

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34

Message

In It Up to Here

Hymns of Response & Preparation

Paul Ibach

How Can I Face My Maker ...

Saved by Grace

Celebration of Communion

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

** ... with Hymns of Praise ...*

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!

... and Offerings of Thanksgiving

We Offer Ourselves & Our Resources to Him

God Sends His People Out with His Blessing ...

** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

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** God's Benediction³*

Leader: Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end so that all the peoples may say,

Congregation: "Amen! Our LORD is faithful!" Praise the LORD.

¹ "Worship" is not something that WE initiate; not primarily something that WE do for GOD; rather, God calls us to worship as a means of His grace by which to shape and tune US to declare and display HIS glory in Christ for HIS pleasure and our good.

² "Amen" grows from the Hebrew root meaning "true and faithful;" we pray with hope and confidence because our covenant God is "true and faithful" to his covenant promises.

³ "Benediction" is the "good Word" of God's blessing by which He secures, sustains and equips his people by his steadfast, covenantal love in Christ for the display of His glory

