
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Sunday August 31, 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

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 12:1-2

God Gathers His People¹ ...

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 96:1-9

**Shout to the Lord*

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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.

Amen²

God Tunes the Heart of His People ...

...through Confession of Sin...

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed 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.

...through Assurance of Pardon...

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:1-5

... to Declare His Praise ...

**Wonderful Merciful Savior*

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... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Psalm 67

Message

The Benediction: A Blessing to Die For

**Praise the Savior Now and Ever*

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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 ...

**Romans Doxology*

Inside Hymnal Cover

**God's Benediction³*

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD cause his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace that you may be his blessing among the peoples that all the families of the earth 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

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior! Lord there is none like you
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love

My comfort, my Shelter! Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship you

Shout to the Lord, all the earth
Let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the king.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name!
I sing for joy at the works of your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior, Precious redeemer and friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
O, You rescue the souls of men!

CHORUS

You are the One that we praise; You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
O, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper: Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way
-- Chorus --

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
O, we're falling before Your throne
-- Chorus --

Sermon Notes

Passage: *Psalm 67* Message: *The Benediction: A Blessing to Die For*

*Because the blessing of the Lord's "Good Word" communicates and
secures to us God's presence, power, and peace, we are equipped
beyond our imagination to be His promised blessing of his grace
to the nations.*

The Blessing of The Name ...

... is TO God's People in Christ ...

... for the ENJOYMENT and PRAISE of His Glory ...

... BY the Nations ...

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peace of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ
working in His people empowered by His Spirit for His glory.*

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