
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship
Sunday September 14, 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

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 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 3:4-7

God Gathers His People ...

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”
Revelation 4:9-11

**King of the Nations*

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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.

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 the confession of Sin...

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before thee our sinful nature- prone to evil and slothful in good- and all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from thy way, in wasting thy gifts, in forgetting thy love. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we; have displeased thee. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech thee, to live in thy light and walk in thy ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

... through the Assurance of Pardon ...

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
Palm 103:8-13

... through the Declaration of Praise...

**Before the Throne of God Above*

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**Lord I lift You Name on High*

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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.

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:8

Message

The Breath of God

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

**... through hymns ...*

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O Breath of Life Come Sweeping through Us

... prayers ...

Prayers Offered by the People

** ... 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 sacrifices of Thanksgiving ...

Offering Ourselves & Our Resources to Him

God Sends His People Out with His Blessing ...

**Take My Life, and Let It Be*

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**God's Benediction³*

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Let all the people say,

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

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

