
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship
Sunday October 12, 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

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart, Hear what Christ the Savior says;
Every word should joy impart, Change thy mourning into praise.
Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee, May He help thee to believe;
Then thou presently will see Thou has little cause to grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed; All thy sorrows soon shall end, I, who
heaven and earth have framed, Am thy Husband and thy Friend; I the
High and Holy One, Israel's God, by all adored, As thy Savior will be
known, Thy Redeemer and thy Lord. John Newton

God Gathers His People¹ ...

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult
with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken
away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again
fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not
your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a
mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he
will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."
Zephaniah 3:14-17

**Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

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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 the Declaration of our 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.

... and the Declaration of His Praise ...

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 12:1-5

Message

What Now?

God's People Respond by Faith...

**... through hymns ...*

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I Belong to Jesus

... 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 ...

**Romans Doxology*

Insert

** 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.

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

