
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Sunday October 27, 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

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

James 1:2-5

God Gathers His People¹ ...

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Psalms 111:1-3,10

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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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 Reception of New Members...

Mrs. Barbara Hoover; Ms. Sydney Ibach; Ms. Emily Kulp

...through prayers for Christ's Church

and his persecuted Children ...

For All the Saints

Roseberg and How

Choir:

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
All are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir and Congregation:

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
And singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 12:11-17

Message

When Christ Turns Your World Downside-Up

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

Prayers of the People

Report from the Long Family

** ... 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 ...

**Now Thank We All Our God*

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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.

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

Sermon Notes

Passage: [Acts 12:11-17](#)

Message: *When Your World is Turned Downside-Up*

Since Christ repeatedly demonstrates that he is our living and powerful defender – against all accepted norms of probability and contrary to our own expectations – we can live with joyful hope, confident boldness, and humble service in the face of challenges to our faith.

- *Acknowledging the Reality ...*

- *Reporting the Scandal ...*

- *Owning the Responsibility ...*

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