
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Sunday November 23, 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

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-21

God Gathers His People¹ ...

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

**We Gather Together*

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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 Faith...

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us. Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them. Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

Psalm 62:5-12

...through The Declaration of Praise ...

**King of Nations*

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**Great is the Lord*

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... God Teaches His People...

Choral Prayer of Illumination

Shine on Us

Scripture Reading

Acts 13:13-25

Message

Words of Encouragement in Days of Distress

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

**... through hymns ...*

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O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling

... 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! Amen

... 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 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

