
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday February 22, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-19

God Gathers His People ...

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name."
Come and see what God has done,
how awesome his works in man's behalf!

Psalm 66:1-5

God's People Join their Voices in Praise ...

**In Christ Alone*

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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 Declaration of Faith...

Leader: Christian, what do you know?

Congregation: We know that there is one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And that the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And there is one holy catholic and apostolic Church, one baptism for the remission of sins; and the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

... resulting in Praise to our God through Christ our Lord

**Before the Throne of God Above*

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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 15:1-21

Message

Godliness with Confidence

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

**... with hymns ...*

We Are God's People, #355

... prayer ...

*Prayers of the People for God's Worldwide Work
MT2009 – Acapulco, Mexico*

** ... 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 Tithes and Offerings of Thanksgiving ...

... Committing our Resources to Him

God Sends His People ...

** ... with Rejoicing*

Lead On, Oh King Eternal, #580

**... and the Benediction³ of His Grace*

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.

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

For Individual & Family Worship

Week of Feb 22 – Feb 28, 2009

As we systematically read through the Bible together following this plan, we will gain an appreciation for God's story of Glory, Grace and Truth displayed through the ages among and through his people. It is a story filled with intrigue, deception, colossal failures and even greater stories of redemption. Once this becomes a part of our normal routine, we will be amazed how these stories come to mind in the face of daily life challenges.

Scripture Reading: Morning

Sunday:

Monday: Ex 12, Ps 60&61, At 5:17-42

Tuesday: Ex 13&14, Ps 62, At 6

Wednesday: Ex 15, Ps 63, At 7:1-29

Thursday: Ex 16, Ps 64&65, At 7:30-60

Friday: Ex 17&18, Ps 66&67, At 8:1-25

Saturday: Ex 19, Ps 68, At 8:26-40

Evening

Acts 1

Acts 2

Acts 3

Acts 4

Acts 5

Acts 6

Similarly, as we participate in the hymns and prayers of God's people in Christ from throughout history, we will gain an appreciation for the continuing, present unfolding of God's story of Glory and Grace in Jesus among his people by his Spirit.

Hymn:

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song!
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled and strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all:
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath
of God was satisfied – for every sin
on Him was laid: Here in the death
of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's
curse has lost its grip on me, for I
am his and he is mine – bought with
the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death:
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand,
'til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

Grant us, even us, O Lord, to know you, and love you and rejoice in you. And if we cannot do these perfectly in this life, let us, at least, advance to higher degrees every day, till we can come to do them in perfection. Let the knowledge of you increase in us here, that it may be full hereafter. Let the love of you grow every day more and more here, that it may be perfect hereafter; that our joy may be great in itself and full in you. We know, O God, that you are a God of truth. O make good your gracious promises to us, that our joy may be full. To your honor and glory, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, world without end. Amen.

-- Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.)

Sermon Notes

Passage: Acts 15:1-21

Message: *Godliness with Confidence*

With the increasing animosity and ridicule that our culture – the culture around us as well as the culture within us - directs toward Christian believers for their supposedly blind, foolish adherence to outdated, irrational, illogical, and contra-evidential values and principles, we often find ourselves wondering: Could so many smart people be wrong? And Does it matter?

... the Evidence of God's Work among His People ...

... the Testimony of God's Work with His People ...

... the Revelation of God's Work to His People ...

Since the basis of our certainty is not statistics, popularity or even some notion of 'rationality,' but in visible, audible events in space-and-time history which have been told beforehand, we can live godly lives with boldness and confidence before a skeptical, mocking world.

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