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## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship<sup>1</sup>

Sunday March 08, 2009

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Colossians 2:6-10

### God Gathers His People ...

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Psalms 105:1-6

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

*\*I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

*Hymn #168*

### \*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. Amen<sup>2</sup>

### God Tunes the Heart of His People ...

Declaration of Faith

*The Apostle's Creed*

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.

Declaration of Praise

*\*Shout To the Lord*

*\*He Is Exalted*

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### ... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

*Acts 16:1-5*

Message

*Flourishing in Babylon*

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

*\*... with hymns ...*

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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*... prayer ...*

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

*... Committing our Resources to Him*

### God Sends His People ...

*\* ... with Rejoicing*

*King of Nations, Insert*

*\*... and the Benediction<sup>3</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> "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.

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<sup>2</sup> "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.

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<sup>3</sup> "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 Mar 8 – Mar 14, 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 29, Ps 76 & 77

Tuesday: Ex 30, Ps 78

Wednesday: Ex 31 & 32, Ps 79

Thursday: Ex 33, Ps 80

Friday: Ex 34, Ps 81

Saturday: Ex 35, Ps 82 & 83

### Evening

Acts 13

Acts 14

Acts 15

Acts 16

Acts 17

Acts 18

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:

*Be Thou My Vision (Trinity, #642)*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art – thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my battleshield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r: raise thou my heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

O you who behold all things, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; blot out our transgressions, be merciful to us sinners and grant that our names may be found written in the book of life, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

-- Nerves of Clajes (d. 323 A.D.)

## Sermon Notes

Passage: Acts 16:1-5

Message: *Flourishing in Babylon*

*In a world as polarized and fragmented as our own, is there any real, practical way – a way that has substance and is not mere pious or naïve doublespeak – to see human relations flourish? Or are we doomed to merely keeping our head down, trying to wait it out, and hoping against hope that we are among the survivors?*

*the Freedom of the Gospel ...*

*the Slavery of the Gospel ...*

*the Flourishing of the Gospel ...*

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