
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday March 15, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
Isaiah 40:1-2

God Gathers His People ...

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

Congregation: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

Congregation: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Psalm 24:7-10

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

**Who Shall Ascend The Mountain of the Lord*

*Insert
Sine Nomine*

*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 Declaring our Faith...

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1

... through our Declaration of Praise ...

**Crown Him with many Crowns*

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**O God Beyond All Praising*

#660

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Message

The First Servant Song:

When Our Extravagant Expectations Fail, What Then?

**Lamb of God*

Insert

Celebration of Communion

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

** ... 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*

Redeemed, How I love to Proclaim It

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

Leader: The Grace, Mercy, and Peace of God the Father, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever so that all people 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

For Individual & Family Worship

Week of Mar 15 – Mar 21, 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 36, Ps 84
Tuesday: Ex 37&38, Ps 85
Wednesday: Ex 39, Ps 86&87
Thursday: Ex 40, Ps 88
Friday: Lv 1, Ps 89
Saturday: Lv 2&3, Ps 90

Evening

Acts 19
Acts 20
Acts 21
Acts 22
Acts 23
Acts 24

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:

O God Beyond All Praising (Trinity, #660)

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whom that begins to be which was not and that which lay hidden is made visible, cleanse away the folly of our heart and purify us from our secret vices, that we may be able to serve you, O Lord, with a pure mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-- *The Gelasian Sacraeamentary*

Sermon Notes

Passage: Isaiah 42:1-9

Message: *When Our Extravagant Expectations Fail*

Speaking of our pension – our passion – for beautiful idols of our own making, one author writes, “We tyrannize and frustrate ourselves and one another by expecting more than the world can give us or than we can make of the world. ... [to overcome the tyranny, the anger, the frustration] everyone tells us we simply need more belief, a stronger and deeper and more encompassing faith. [But we suffer primarily not from lack of faith or belief, but in misfaith, or myth-belief.] We suffer primarily not from our vices or our weaknesses, but from our illusions. We are haunted and tyrannized, not by reality, but by the images of our extravagant expectations we have made and put in place of reality.” We don't need more faith, we need right faith.

The Servant's Commission

The Servant's Custom

The Servant's Certification

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overwhelmed by the glory of God and transformed by the grace and
peace of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ
working in His people empowered by His Spirit for His glory.*

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