
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday March 29, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,

Proverbs 6:20-23

God Gathers His People ...

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150

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

**Jehovah is the Lord*

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¹ At the center of God's strategy "to reconcile to himself all things," is a whole, new creation by and in Jesus Christ and him crucified. The heartbeat of this new creation is worship, a provision of God's grace in Christ, by which we learn to feel, think, speak, and act as God's good people.

*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 ...

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Psalm 33:1-5

God's People Make known His Steadfast Love

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Psalm 33:18-22

God's People Declare their Praises

**In the Lord Alone*

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**We Bow Down*

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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

Isaiah 50:1-11

Message

The Third Servant Song:

When Our Attempts at Righteousness fail, What Then?

**O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

#247

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*

Rock of Ages

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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.

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 29 – Apr 4, 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: Lv 12, Ps 99
Tuesday: Lv 13, Ps 100&101
Wednesday: Lv 14, Ps 102
Thursday: Lv 15, Ps 103
Friday: Lv 16&17, Ps 104
Saturday: Lv 18, Ps 105

Evening

Rom 1
Rom 2
Rom 3
Rom 4
Rom 5
Rom 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:

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Trinity, #247)

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain: mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo, hear I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place; look on my with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

Permit us not, O Lord, to hear your word in vain. Convince us of its truth, cause us to feel its power and bind us to yourself with cords of faith and hope and love that never shall be broken. We bind to ourselves today, you our God: your power to hold us, your hand to guide us, your eye to watch us, your ear to hear us, your wisdom to teach us, your word to give us speech, your presence to defend us, this day and every day; in the name of the blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to whom be the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and forever. Amen.

-- attributed to Patrick, missionary to Ireland (ca 389 – 461 A.D.)

Sermon Notes

Passage: Isaiah 50:1-11 Message: *"When Our Attempts at Righteousness Fail. What Then?"*

Of all the things in life we need to prepare for, nothing is more important than being prepared for Judgment Day. And yet, in light of all our sins, how can we be ready to give God an account of all we have done and not be completely frightened at the prospect? Then answer is: "The Servant." God's anointed servant, Jesus Christ, provides all we need. What has he done for us? What has he provided for us?

God's Servant provides the Word we need.

God's Servant provides the Obedience we need.

God's Servant provides the Suffering we need.

The only reasonable response to all God has done for us in Jesus Christ is . . . complete and total TRUST.

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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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