
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday April 5, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Choral Meditation

The Risen Christ

God Gathers His People ...

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-4, 10-14

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

**All Glory Laud and Honor*

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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 ...

Choral Declaration of Faith

Across the Lands

Congregational Declaration of Faith

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:23-27

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:1-15

Choral Response

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:33-36

Choral Response

The Power of the Cross

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Message

The Fourth Servant Song:

When We Have Come to the Last Dead-end, What Then?

Celebration of Communion

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

** ... praise ...*

See What a Morning

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

... Committing our Resources to Him

God Sends His People ...

...with hope

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

** ... with Rejoicing*

O Church Arise

** ... 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 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.

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 Apr 5 – Apr 11, 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 19, Ps 106

Tuesday: Lv 20, Ps 107

Wednesday: Lv 21&22, Ps 108

Thursday: Lv 23&24, Ps 109

Friday: Lv 25, Ps 110

Saturday: Lv 26, Ps 111&112

Evening

Rom 7

Rom 8

Rom 9

Rom 10

Rom 11

Rom 12

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:

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended (Trinity, #248)

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended, that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
2. Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.
3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered: for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.
4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation: thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

O God, who has given us the great and saving truths of your gospel: grant us, we ask you, to live amid these things, to meditate upon them and to seek them; for one who goes on seeking, finds. Help us, therefore, to learn those things on earth, the knowledge of which shall abide with us in heaven. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

--Jerome (ca. 347-420 A.D.)

Sermon Notes

Passage: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Message: *When We Come to Our Last Dead-end, What Then?*

Our idols have been exposed as impotent and foolish; our attempts to escape from our own idolatry have proven to be fruitless dead-ends; our persistent efforts to secure for ourselves our own righteousness, have proven fatally inadequate. At every dead-end, though, the Lord has anticipated our idolatry, our ever-present foolishness and sleepiness and declared his action to rescue and restore us through the calling, life, and work of the Servant. But it all seems so suspiciously good it's as though we have been dreaming so that we fail to recognize the presence, the reality, of the Servant standing before our very eyes

The Person & Work of the Servant will be ...

... unbelievable ...

... unrecognizable ...

... unacknowledgeable ...

... unreasonably imprudent ...

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