
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday May 3, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:10-11

Soul then know thy full salvation; rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;

Joy to find in every station something still to do or bear:

Think what Spirit dwells within thee; what a Father's smile is thine;
What a Savior died to win thee, child of heaven, shouldst thou repine?
Henry F. Lyte

God Gathers His People ...

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Psalm 95:1-6

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

**Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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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 ...

... through Declaring our Faith...

Psalm 121

Dundee

I to the hills will lift my eyes; O whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone, Who Heav'n and earth has made.

He will not let thy foot be moved, Thy Guardian never sleeps;
With watchful and unslumbering care, His own He safely keeps.

Thy faithful Keeper is the Lord, Thy Shelter and thy Shade;
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, Thou shalt not be afraid.

From evil He will keep thee safe, For thee He will provide;
Thy going out, thy coming in, Forever He will guide.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

... through our Declaration of Praise ...

**He is Exalted*

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**The Law of the Lord is Perfect*

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... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:25-40

Message

Uncommon Godliness for Ungodly Circumstances

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

**... with hymns ...*

How Firm a Foundation, #94

... 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! Amen.

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

... Committing our Resources to Him

God Sends His People ...

**... with Rejoicing*

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
#647*

**... 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

