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## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship<sup>1</sup>

Sunday May 10, 2009

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. *Romans 30:23-25*

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

*John Stocker*

### God Gathers His People ...

...the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD! *Psalms 149:4-9*

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

*\*Holy, Holy Holy!*

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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.

Amen<sup>2</sup>

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

... through Declaring our Faith...

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem— built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

*Psalms 122*

... through our Declaration of Praise ...

*\*In the Lord Alone*

*\*We Bow Down*

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

Scripture Reading

*Acts 17:1-9*

Message

*The Line of Demarcation*

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

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

*In Christ Alone; Insert*

*... 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*

*Romans Doxology; Insert*

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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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 May 10 – May 16, 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:** Nm 31, Ps 144  
**Tuesday:** Nm 32, Ps 145  
**Wednesday:** Nm 33, Ps 146  
**Thursday:** Nm 34, Ps 147  
**Friday:** Nm 35, Ps 148  
**Saturday:** Nm 36, Ps 149&150

**Evening**

Lk 1  
Lk 2  
Lk 3  
Lk 4  
Lk 5  
Lk 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:**

*Arise, My Soul, Arise (Trinity, #305)*

1. Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; the bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears: before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands, my name is written on his hands.
2. He ever lives above, for me to intercede, his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead; his blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.
3. Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"
4. My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear; he owns me for his child, I can no longer fear; with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

**Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:**

We bless you, almighty Lord God, for that you have counted us worthy in Jesus Christ to be born again and that you have poured out your Holy Spirit over us in order to unite us to the body of your Son, the Church, never to be separated from it by alien works. Grant also to us, then, to whom you have already give remission of sins, the earnest of your kingdom, our promised inheritance through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom, with the Holy Spirit, be glory to you to ages of ages.  
Amen.

— *Canons of Hippolytus*

**Sermon Notes**

Passage: Acts 17:1-9

Message: *The Line of Demarcation*

*There is, perhaps, no more divisive statement than this: Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*1. The Bible clearly proclaims the truth that Jesus as Lord.*

*2. We should not be surprised that many people will reject this truth.*

*3. At the same time, we should not be surprised that God would call many people to Himself through this same truth.*

*One day every knee WILL bow to King Jesus.*

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