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## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship<sup>1</sup>

Sunday May 24, 2009

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

... [may you] be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ... [for] he has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
*Colossians 1:9b-10, 13-14*

Oh the depths of the riches, the wisdom of God: how immeasurable is His grace! How unfailing His kindness, so far removed His wrath, and His mercies are new each day!  
*the Romans Doxology*

### God Gathers His People ...

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

*Psalms 147:7-11*

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

*\* Let All Things Now Living*

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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 ...

... by Remembering Our Circumstances ...

*\* God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)*

*Insert*

... by Recounting His Faithfulness ...

**Leader:** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let Israel now say --

**Congregation** if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us, ...

**Congregation Right:** then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

**Congregation Left:** [yes!, and] the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

**Congregation** [yes!] over us would have gone the raging waters.

**Leader:** Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

**ALL:** We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

*Psalms 124*

... and Declaring our Praise ...

*\* Our Tribute: To God Be the Glory*

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

Scripture Reading

*Acts 17:16-21*

Message

*Kingdom Strategies: Seeing with New Eyes*

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

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

*Be Thou My Vision, #642*

*... prayer ...*

*Prayers of the People for the People of God  
Sue Solteau, Children of Chernobyl*

*\* ... 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*

*Here I Am, Lord, 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.

<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.

<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 24 – May 30, 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	Evening
Sunday:		
Monday:	Deut 7, Ps 9	Lk 13
Tuesday:	Deut 8, Ps 10	Lk 14
Wednesday:	Deut 9, Ps 11&12	Lk 15
Thursday:	Deut 10, Ps 13	Lk 16
Friday:	Deut 11, Ps 14	Lk 17
Saturday:	Deut 12, Ps 15	Lk 18

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:** *May the Mind of Christ My Savior (Trinity, #644)*

1. May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.
3. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea; him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.
5. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

### Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

We ask you, Lord and Master, to be our help and succor. Save those who are in tribulation; have mercy on the lonely; lift up the fallen; show yourself to the needy; heal the ungodly; convert the wanderers of your people; feed the hungry; raise up the weak; comfort the faint-hearted. Let all the peoples know that you are God alone, and Jesus Christ is your Son, and we are your people and the sheep of your pasture; for the sake of Christ Jesus. Amen.

*-- Clement of Rome (ca 92 - 101 A.D.)*

## Sermon Notes

Passage: Acts 17:16-21

Message: *Seeing With New Eyes*

*We live in deeply and darkly foggy world; a veritable soup of whirled views with idols of every imaginable make and model swirling about us – navigating this world is about ducking, diving, dodging to avoid being laid out by one idol or another and mostly falling, being knocked off center, or simply collapsing from fatigue. It can be difficult to see and make sense of it all; but by the light of the resurrection reality, we can see – and respond to – our world more clearly.*

*... we can more clearly see the tragedy of our world ...*

*... we can more clearly see the foolishness of our world ...*

*... we can more clearly clarify the hope of our world ...*

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