
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday May 31, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Behold! I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:51, 57-58

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!

Ephesians 3:20-21

God Gathers His People ...

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psalms 145:3-5, 8-9

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

** Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

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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 ...

... by Remembering Our Circumstances ...

** I Was A Wandering Sheep*

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... by Proclaiming His Faithfulness ...

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!

But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers!

Peace be upon Israel!

Psalms 125

... and Declaring our Praise ...

** Arise, My Soul, Arise*

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... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-34

Message

Kingdom Strategies:

Tearing Down Barriers and Building Bridges

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

** ... with hymns ...*

, #Jesus Calls US, #591

... prayer ...

*Prayers of the People for the Mission of God
MT2009 Team to Guanajuato, Mexico*

** ... 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*

Our God Reigns, Insert

** ... 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

