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## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship<sup>1</sup>

Sunday June 7, 2009

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

*Henry Lyte*

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full..

*John 15:8-11*

### God Gathers His People ...

But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds- his name is the LORD - and rejoice before him. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing.

*Psalm 68:3-6*

Reception of New Members

*Linda Fiegl, Laura Grady,  
Rob & Lucie Chaplin, Andy & Jessica Hansen*

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

*\*Hohy, Hohy, Hohy*

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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.

### \*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...*

*Abide with Me*

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*...By Proclaiming His Faithfulness...*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

*Psalm 126*

*... and Declaring our Praise ...*

*\*In Christ Alone*

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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.

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

Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 2:19-22*

Message

*Kingdom Strategies:  
a Dwelling of God's Life-Giving Presence*

*\* How Sweet and Awesome is the Place*

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

*\* ... 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, Hymnal Inside Cover*

*\* ... 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>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 Jun 7 – Jun 13, 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: Deut 21&22, Ps 23

Tuesday: Deut 23&24, Ps 24&25

Wednesday: Deut 25, Ps 26

Thursday: Deut 26, Ps 27

Friday: Deut 27, Ps 28&29

Saturday: Deut 28, Ps 30

### Evening

Acts 1

Acts 2

Acts 3

Acts 4

Acts 5

Acts 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:

*How Sweet and Awesome is the Place (Trinity, #469)*

1. How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.
2. While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I guest?"
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room, when thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.
5. Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come; send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

### Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

O God, who by the life and death and rising again of your dear Son has consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all: cleanse our minds, we ask you, by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, that drawing near to you with a pure heart and conscience undefiled, we may receive these gifts without sin and worthily magnify your holy name as they bear fruit.. Amen.

*– Liturgy of St. James (ca. 60 A.D.)*

## Sermon Notes

Passage: Ephesians 2:19-22

Message: *a Dwelling of God's Life-Giving Presence*

To say what the Church of Jesus Christ is can be a difficult task – since it is unique in its nature and structure and function in the world. We find ourselves resorting to analogies and metaphors. Whatever else we may say about this thing called "the Church," though, Scripture makes it clear that it is the dwelling place of choice for the glory of God so that, in a unique way, the Church manifests the glory of God's presence and power and provision in Christ in his world.

*The Reality of God's Character*

*The Strength of God's Character*

*The Peace of God's Character*

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