
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday June 21, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:18-20

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Charles Wesley

God Gathers His People ...

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Psalms 105:1-6

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

**Jehovah is 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...

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

#508

... Proclaiming His Faithfulness...

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

You shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house;

Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion!

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children!

Peace be upon Israel!

Psalms 128

... and Declaring our Praise ...

**He is Exalted*

Insert

**Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

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... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

I John 4:7-11 & Galatians 5:16-22

Message

Fruit of the Spirit's Work: Love

** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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Celebration of Communion

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*

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

#573 St. Peter CM

** ... and the Benediction³ of His Grace*

Leader: The Grace, Mercy, and Peace of God the Father through Christ Jesus our Lord by the gift of the Spirit be with you and rest upon you, strengthening you to know the love of Christ in your service to Christ to display the glory of Christ 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

For Individual & Family Worship

Week of June 21 – June 27, 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:	Js 1, Ps 38	Acts 15
Tuesday:	Js 2, Ps 39	Acts 16
Wednesday:	Js 3, Ps 40,	Acts 17
Thursday:	Js 4, Ps 41	Acts 18
Friday:	Js 5, Ps 42&43	Acts 19
Saturday:	Js 6, Ps 44	Acts 20

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: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (Trinity, #708)

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer fuller be.
2. O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

Grant, O Lord, to your servants and followers who are persecuted for righteousness' sake that their conversation may be as becomes the gospel of Christ; that they may stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; that terrified in nothing by their adversaries they may be bold in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him but also to suffer for his sake, who lives and reigns, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

— gleaned from Paul

Sermon Notes

Passage: I John 4:7-11 & Galatians 5:16-22

Message: *Fruit of the Spirit: Love*

“Love” is something we hear and talk a lot about in all sorts of ways. But even though “love” is something we give a lot of attention to, it is not something people often understand. So, biblically speaking, what is love? To know what love is, and to live in love, we must understand.

- The nature of love.

Biblical love is action, in spite of feelings, for the good of the other person.

- The source of love:

God himself. It is God's Spirit which produces love in us.

- The call to love.

Though love is a work of God in us, we are still responsible to be loving toward other people.

Conclusion: We are thankful for the power of God which works in us. Let us live in love so that the nature of God may be displayed through us.

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