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**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**

*Service of Worship<sup>1</sup>*

*Sunday July 19, 2009*

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**Romans 8:26-27**

*God Gathers His People ...*

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Psalm 98:1-3

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

*\*King of the Nations*

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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>

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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.

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

*... By Remembering Our Circumstances...*

*Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross*

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*... Proclaiming His Faithfulness...*

Remember, O Lord, in David's favor, all the hardships he endured,  
How he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,  
"I will not enter my house or get into my bed,  
I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,  
Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One  
of Jacob."

Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.  
"Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!"

Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your  
might. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your  
saints shout for joy. For the sake of your servant David, do not turn  
away the face of your anointed one.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn  
back. "One of the sons of your body I will set upon your throne. If  
your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach  
them, their sons also forever shall sit on your throne."

For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:  
"This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired  
it. I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with  
bread. Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will  
shout for joy. There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have  
prepared a lamp for my anointed. His enemies I will clothe with  
shame, but on him his crown will shine."

Psalm 132

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

*\*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

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*... God Teaches His People...*

Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 5:1-14*

Message

*Fruit of the Spirit's Work: Goodness*

*\*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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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*

*Romans Doxology*

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

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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

