
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Sunday August 2, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. *Romans 3:22-26*

God Gathers His People ...

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the
LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!
Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own
possession. For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is
above all gods.

Psalm 135:1-5

**Rejoice the Lord is King*

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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.

*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 ...

... through Confession of Sin...

Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon Thee; Hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Thy mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; And all our failures and shortcomings toward Thee and our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; And of Thy great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; Through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

...through Assurance of Pardon...

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Hebrews 9:15

... and Declaring our Praise ...

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD! May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

Psalm 134

**In Christ Alone*

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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.

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:16-22

Message

People of Peace in a World of Hostility

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

**I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

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Prayers of the People

** ... 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*

Wonderful Merciful Savior, Insert

** ... 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.

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

