
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship¹
Sunday July 26, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Look up, the clouds are breaking, The storm will soon be o'er
And thou shall reach the haven, Where sorrows are no more
Look up, be not discouraged; Trust on, whate'er befall
Remember, O remember, Thy Savior knows it all

Fanny Crosby

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

God Gathers His People ...

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Psalms 147:7-11

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

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, #76*

**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..

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us, #341

...through Assurance of Pardon...

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. *Romans 5:1-5*

... resulting in Praise to our God through Christ our Lord

**Wonderful Merciful Savior, Insert*

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-56

Message

*The Fruit of the Spirit:
Powerful Gospel Gentleness*

God's People Respond in Faith...

** ... with Hymns ...*

All to Jesus I Surrender, #562

... and Prayer ...

Prayers of the People

** ... and 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 There is a Fountain Filled with Blood, #253*

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

Leader: The Grace, Mercy, and Peace of God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord by the powerful working of His Spirit be with you and rest upon you 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

