
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship
Sunday August 23, 2009

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:1-3

God Gathers His People...

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O LORD!

Psalm 92:1-8

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

**All Creatures of Our God and King*

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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...

... through Confession of Sin...

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before thee our sinful nature- prone to evil and slothful in good- and all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from thy way, in wasting thy gifts, in forgetting thy love. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we; have displeased thee. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech thee, to live in thy light and walk in thy ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

...through Assurance of Pardon...

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8-12

... resulting in Praise to our God ...

**Before the Throne of God Above*

Insert

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Message

*The Spirit's Fruit of Godliness:
Salt & Light of Righteousness*

God's People Respond to His Word...

** ... with Hymns... May the Mind of Christ My Savior, #644*

... the Celebration of Baptism Josiah Joel Hanson

** ... 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 Sacrifices of Thanksgiving...

... Tithing & Offering our Resources to Him

God Sends His People...

** ... with Rejoicing*

Here I am, Lord, 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.

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 August 23, 2009 – August 29, 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: I Sam 12, Ps 101

Mark 5:21-43

Tuesday: I Sam 13, Ps 102

Mark 6:1-13

Wednesday: I Sam 14, Ps 103

Mark 6:14-29

Thursday: I Sam 15, Ps 104

Mark 6:30-44

Friday: I Sam 16, Ps 105

Mark 7:1-23

Saturday: I Sam 17, Ps 106

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:

Here I am, Lord

1. I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

2. I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

CHORUS:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?

Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray to you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life we may never forget you but remember that we are ever walking in your sight; for your own name's sake. Amen.

– Anonymous

Sermon Notes

Passage: **Matthew 5:13-16**

Message: *Fruit of the Spirit: Salt & Light of Righteousness*

Biblically speaking, Paul's outline of the righteous character of God that the Spirit of God is crafting in us – what we call “the fruit of the Spirit” – is only properly understood in view of Jesus' own announcement about what he came to do: “... to bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, to give them the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit, so that they may be oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord for the display of his glory” (Is 61:1-4) [[And what is THE oil of gladness, THE garment of praise anyway?]]

• *What is this “Righteousness”?*

• *Salt of Righteousness*

• *Light of Righteousness*

This is the substance and significance of our life together in Christ – as the image of his righteousness is formed in us and made visible among us, we display the hope for which our neighbors mourn, and light way through death.

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