

**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**Order Of Worship**  
**September 20, 2020**

**Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Anne Marr**

**Meditation: 1 Corinthians 10:12-17**

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

**Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-2**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**All: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

L: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**All: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn: How Firm a Foundation | 94**

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to your thy deepest distress."

4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

### **Pastoral Prayer Followed by The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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, for ever. Amen.

### **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon**

L: Our Father, we have forsaken our first love and have acted as those who are afraid to suffer for your sake, or simply to endure loss for your glory.

**ALL: This is because we have not held to the teachings we have heard from your Word from the beginning. We have tolerated sin in our hearts, in our families, and in our culture without lasting repentance.**

L: We have been asleep in the light and have felt luke-warm. Eclipse our dim wits by your shining grace and enliven us by your holiness. Confront us once again with your love as revealed in Christ and testified by You, Holy Spirit.

**ALL: We need your forgiveness and mercy—the grace that flows from the throne of God like a gushing river.**

L: Cause us to respond in a manner similar to the four living creatures, the martyrs, and the great congregation of angels and saints gathered in heaven.

**ALL: Make us to serve you with gladness, faithful until we reach the glory that awaits us. We pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

L: Hear the Word of the LORD as recorded in Romans 5, "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

### **Song of Preparation: There is a Redeemer**

1. There is a Redeemer: Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.
2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.  
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.
3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face, and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.  
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

**Word: Matthew 4:1-11**

**1** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." **4** But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **5** Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple **6** and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" **7** Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" **8** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. **9** And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." **10** Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" **11** Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**Questions for Reflection and Meditation**

1. What is the difference between being tested and being tempted?
2. What was the devil/tempter tempting Jesus to do? Why?
3. Read 1 John 2:15-17. Which of Jesus' temptations would you say corresponds with the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life?
4. In the Lord's prayer, we are encouraged to pray the following, "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." With this in mind, why do you think the Holy Spirit led Jesus to be tempted in wilderness?
5. Read James 4:7. How did Jesus submit himself to God and resist the devil? What was the result (Matt. 4:11)?
6. Our postchristian society feeds temptation up to the point it becomes unhealthy for us: food, sex, gambling etc. When we reach this breaking point, we step in and provide counseling until we learn to manage the temptation. Using Jesus' example in Matt. 4:1-11, what lessons can Christians teach our secular society about dealing with temptation?
7. What do you do when you are tempted to sin? How does the gospel address the problem of temptation and sin in your life?

**Sermon: "The Work of the Holy Spirit to Help Jesus Overcome Temptation"**

**Song of Approach: Spirit of the Living God | 726**

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. *Repeat*

## **Communion**

### **Sending Hymn: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus | 481**

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!

Refrain: Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face;  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting he passed, and we follow him there;  
over us sin no more hath dominion - for more than conquerors we are! *Refrain*

3. His Word shall not fail you - he promised; believe him and all will be well:  
then go to a world that is dying, his perfect salvation to tell! *Refrain*

### **Benediction: Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope... so that all the peoples will say...

ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!

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