

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order Of Worship
October 11, 2020

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Meditation: John 14:25-31

These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Call to Worship: Psalm 27:1-3

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

All: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh; my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

L: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

All: I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will execute justice for the needy. Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name; the upright shall dwell in your presence.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Though Troubles Assail Us | 95

1. Though troubles assail us and dangers affright, though friends should all fail us and foes all unite, yet one thing secures us, whatever betide, the promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

2. The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed; from them let us learn to trust God for our bread. His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied so long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

3. When Satan assails us to stop up our path, and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith. He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried, this heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

4. No strength of our own, and no goodness we claim; yet, since we have known of the Saviour's great name, in this our strong tower for safety we hide: the Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

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.

Testimony from a CVPC Family

Song of Preparation: Jesus I Thy Cross Have Taken

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken. All to leave and follow thee.
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish, every fond ambition, all I've sought, and hoped, and known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and Heav'n are still mine own!

2. Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.
And while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face, and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me.
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.

4. Soul, then know thy full salvation; rise o'er sin, and fear, and care.
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee; think what a Father's smile is thine;
think that Jesus died to win thee—Child of Heaven, canst thou repine.

Sermon: "Calm in the Midst of a Storm"

Word: Mark 4:35-41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." **36** And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. **37** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" **39** And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. **40** He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Questions for Reflection: Mark 4:35-40

1. How do you define faith (Heb. 11:1-2)? Is there a difference between the faith that justifies us and the faith that sanctifies?
2. Read Matt. 8:18-27; Mark 4:35-40; Luke 8:22-25. What are the similarities and differences between the various gospel accounts? How does this full picture help you understand Jesus' calming of the sea?
3. What was the cause of the disciples' fear at the beginning of the narrative? What was the cost of their fear at the end of the narrative? What does this tell us about what we should fear and what we shouldn't?
4. When the disciples said, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?," what were they saying about Jesus? What were they saying about themselves?
5. What does Jesus being asleep and calming the sea communicate about his nature? Did the disciples understand this about him?
6. Why did Jesus chide the disciples for being afraid and having a lack of faith in Mark 4:40?
7. Why is it important for the just to live by faith and for Christians to walk by faith and not by sight?

Sending Hymn: Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! | 498

1. Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah! What a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

2. Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let my hide myself in him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (Refrain)

3. Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll, even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. (Refrain)

4. Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high, storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. (Refrain)

5. Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find; he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. (Refrain)

Benediction: Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.... *so that all the peoples will say...*

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

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