## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church Order Of Worship October 25, 2020

Liturgist: Rob Chaplin | Sermon: Rev. John Grady | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

#### **Meditation: Daniel 7:13-14**

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

## Call to Worship: Psalm 118:19-25

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

ALL: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: This is the Word of the LORD

**ALL: Thanks be to God.** 

## **Opening Hymn: Wondrous King, All Glorious | 166**

- 1. Wondrous King, all glorious, sovereign Lord victorious, O, receive our praise with favor! From thee welled God's kindness tho' we in our blindness strayed from thee, our blessed Saviour. Strengthen thou, help us now; let our tongues be singing, thee our praises bringing.
- 2. Heavens, spread the story of our Maker's glory, all the pomp of earth obscuring. Sun, thy rays be sending, thy bright beams expending, light to all the earth assuring. Moon and star, praise afar him who glorious made you; the vast heavens aid you.
- 3. O my soul, rejoicing, sing, thy praises voicing, sing, with hymns of faith adore him! All who here have being, shout, your voices freeing, bow down in the dust before him. He is God Sabaoth; praise alone the Saviour, here and there forever.
- 4. Hallelujahs render to the Lord most tender, ye who know and love the Saviour. Hallelujahs sing ye, ye redeemed, O, bring ye hearts that yield him glad behavior. Blest are ye endlessly; sinless there for ever, ye shall laud him ever.

#### 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: Heal Us

Refrain: Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are, we long to feel your touch. Deep wounded souls to thee fly, O, Savior hear our cry.

- 1. Our faith is feeble we confess, we faintly trust your word; but will you pity us the less? Be that far from you, Lord! (Refrain)
- 2. Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief; "Lord, I believe, with tears he cried, O help my unbelief." (Refrain)
- 3. She too, who touched thee in the press, and healing virtue stole; was answered, "Daughter, go in peace, your faith hath made thee whole." (Refrain)
- 4. Like her, with hopes and fears, we come, to touch you if we may; O! send us not despairing home, send none unhealed away. (Refrain 2x)

Sermon: "The Wonderful Church of Jesus Christ"

#### Word: 1 Peter 2:4-10

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### **Questions for Meditation/Reflection**

- 1)What are some of the Old Testament themes mentioned in 1Peter 2 that are fulfilled in Jesus? (People, possession, temple, sacrifice, priest, etc.)
- 2)How do you see the presence of Jesus working out? (Omnipresence, presence in the church, the Lord's Supper, you)
- 3) What difference does it make to live in the presence of Jesus? How does the Holy Spirit live in you?
- 4) What part does compassion and love have in our lives?

- 5) What do you love about CVPC?
- 6) How can we live in such a way so as to reach out to people outside the kingdom of God?
- 7) What do you think it will look like to live in the presence of Jesus forever?

## Sending Hymn: Hallelujah! Thine The Glory | 179

1. We praise thee, O God! For the days of our youth, for the bright lamp that shineth, the Word of thy truth.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah! We sing; hallelujah! Thine the glory, our praise now we bring.

- 2. We praise thee, O God! For the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above. (Refrain)
- 3. We praise thee, O God! For thy Spirit of light, who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. (Refrain)
- 4. All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our sins and cleansed every stain! (Refrain)

## **Benediction: 2 Peter 1:2-3**

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence...so that all the peoples will say...

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

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