

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order Of Worship
November 1, 2020

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Meditation: Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city

Call To Worship: Nahum 2:4, Psalm 97:10-12

L: Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,

ALL: but the righteous shall live by his faith.

L: Therefore, O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints;

ALL: He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

L: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

ALL: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art | 168

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3. Thou art the Life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour, stronghearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

4. Thou has the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

5. Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure that we can boldly conquer and endure.

Elder Reading and Prayer for the Global Church

L: What do we believe about living by Scripture alone as our guide for life—Sola Scriptura?

ALL: That Scripture alone is the highest authority and is God's direct disclosure of himself giving us all that we need to know unto salvation.

L: What do we believe about living by faith alone as a precious and peerless gift from God—Sola Fide?

ALL: That faith is the only instrument by which we know God, receive forgiveness, and understand his Word. Faith is a gift given by the Holy Spirit.

L: Let us pray.

Song of Preparation: In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand:
till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Elder Reading and Prayer for the Tennessee Valley Presbytery

L: What do we believe about living by grace alone as the only foundation for all we are and do in this life and the next—Sola Gratia?

ALL: God saves his people through grace alone. It is God who redeems us and we are recipients of this grace through faith in Christ.

L: Let us pray.

Song of Preparation: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | 92

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
4. That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

Sermon: "The Just Shall Live by Faith"

Word: Galatians 3:10-14

10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." **11** Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." **12** But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." **13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— **14** so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Questions for Reflection

1. What was the socio-religious and socio-political climate in Rome at the time of Paul's writing?
2. How would you define the gospel in one sentence? How would you communicate the gospel to someone who does not know the gospel? How do you preach the gospel to yourself daily?
3. How do vs. 16-17 relate to Paul's eagerness to preach the gospel in Rome (vs. 15)?
4. Why is Paul not ashamed of the gospel (vs. 16)? In what ways do we sometimes show that we are ashamed of the gospel? In what ways do we sometimes show that we are not ashamed of the gospel?
5. What does the phrase "the righteousness of God" mean in vs. 17?
6. How many times does the statement "the righteous shall live by faith" or some version of it appear in the Bible? What is the context of each time it is used? How is it applied to the life situation of the believers it was written to? What does it mean to "live by faith?"
7. What does "the righteous shall live by faith" communicate to Christians living in our context today? List several ways in which we as God's people can live by faith on a daily basis. Examine your life for a moment, do you think that you are living by faith?
8. How would you describe "living by faith" to someone who is an unbeliever?

Elder Reading and Giving Thanks for the Historic Church

L: What do we believe about Christ as the only way, the only truth, and the only life--Sola Christus?

ALL: Christ Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is the Son of God and the second person of the Trinity. He is the only mediator between God and man. He lived a perfect life on our behalf willingly laid down his life at the cross taking our punishment and took it up again as the firstborn of the resurrection. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father until all enemies are made his footstool.

L: What do we believe about the glory of our Triune God--Soli Deo Gloria?

ALL: Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All glory from every age, tribe and tongue belongs to our God forever and ever. Amen

L: Let us pray and give thanks.

Sending Hymn: For All The Saints | 358

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever... so that all the peoples will say...

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

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