

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order Of Worship
January 10, 2020

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Meditation: Titus 2:1-10

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

Call To Worship: Psalm 50:1-6

L: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

ALL: He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.

L: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.

ALL: For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus | 535

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward to thy glorious rest above.

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven giving rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

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.

Description and Installation of Officers

Song of Preparation: Come to Jesus

1. Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die. O, raise your head, for love is passing by. Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live! *Repeat*
2. Now your burden's lifted and carried far away. And precious blood has washed away the stain. Sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live! *Repeat*
3. Like a newborn baby who's afraid to crawl; remember when you walk you often fall. Fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live! *Repeat*
4. And when the way is lonely--steeped and filled with pain; when skies are dark and pouring down like rain. Cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live! *Repeat*
5. When his love spills over, music fills the night. And when you can't contain your joy inside; dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live! *Repeat*
6. With your final heartbeat, kiss this world goodbye. Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side. Fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live! *Repeat*

Sermon: "Steadfastness in the Midst of Temptation"

Word: James 1:12-18

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. **13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. **14** But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. **15** Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. **16** Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. **17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. **18** Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Questions for Reflection

1. What similarities do you see between verse 2 and verse 12?
2. James says that if we remain steadfast amidst trials, we will receive a crown of life (vs. 12). Does this mean that rewards should be our primary motivation for enduring trials? How does vs. 2-4 and 16-18 help us understand the relationship between steadfastness and reward?
3. In the Greek language, the word for trial (testing) and temptation is the same word. Yet, James uses them in a completely different way. According to James, what is the difference between trial in vs. 12 and temptation in vs. 13?
4. Write out the progression of temptation in verse 14-15. How does temptation start and what is the end result of temptation?
5. What are the 'good gifts' referenced by James in verse 16?
6. Some in our day teach that desire to sin in and of itself is not sin - it is beyond our control. Read James 1:12-15 again and determine how you would respond to this belief.
7. How does James help us discern the difference between trial and temptation in our own lives?

Sending Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be | 585

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every pow'r as thou shalt choose, every pow'r as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself and I will be, ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all...
so that all the peoples will say...

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

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