

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order Of Worship
January 17, 2020

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Meditation: Proverbs 31:10a, 26-31

Who can recognize an excellent woman? She is the one who opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Call To Worship: Psalm 133

L: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

ALL: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

L: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

ALL: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn: The Church's One Foundation | 347

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word;
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4. The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with 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.

Baptism of Elizabeth Dukes

Description and Installation of Women's Leadership Team Members

Song of Preparation: Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

1. Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise;
on thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone can heal:
thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel.
2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine.
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust,
and still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.
3. Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer.
Oh may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.
4. Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.
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Sermon: "Christian Doing"

Word: James 1:19-27

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; **20** for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. **21** Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. **24** For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. **25** But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. **26** If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. **27** Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Questions for Reflection

1. What is the connection between vs. 19 and this statement from James in vs 18, "Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth...?"
2. Why doesn't anger and sinful speech produce the righteousness of God? Even though we know that anger and sinful speech does not aid God in the work of righteousness, why are we tempted to do it anyway?
3. What does James call us to put away and then receive in vs. 21? How does vs. 22-25 help us understand how we can put off sin and receive the word?
4. Read Isaiah 55 and Psalm 12, how do these passages help us in understanding what the 'implanted' word (vs. 21) does to our soul?
5. According to James, what is pure religion?
6. How does vs. 19-20 and 26-27 speak to our current political climate? What lessons do they teach us about how we can live out the Christian life?
7. What are some things in your life that you need to put off? Do you know how the gospel speaks to you?

Song of Approach: Christ, We Do All Adore Thee | 737

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee.

Communion

Sending Hymn: All to Jesus I Surrender | 562

1. All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
may I ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now. *Refrain*

3. All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine;
may the Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy pow'r divine. *Refrain*

4. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. *Refrain*

Benediction: Jude 1:20-21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life...
so that all the peoples will say...

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

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