Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church Order of Worship March 14, 2021

Liturgist: Rob Chaplin | Sermon: Rev. George Granberry | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

Meditation: Leviticus 16:11-14

Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil and put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die. And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

Call To Worship: Psalm 28:6-9

L: Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

ALL: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

L: The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

ALL: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation | 343

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
- 2. All that dedicated city, dearly love of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
- 3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today: with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
- 4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain, what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.
- 5. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run. AMEN!

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 of God's Grace from a CVPC Family

Song of Preparation: The Power of the Cross

- 1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.
- 2. Oh, to see the pain written on your face bearing the awesome weight of sin; every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow. This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.
- 3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; 'Finished!' the victory cry. This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.
- 4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love. This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Sermon: "He Saved Us"Rev. George Granberry

Word: Titus 3:3-8

3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. **4** But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **5** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **8** The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

Questions for Reflection

- 1. Verse 3: To what extent does this describe you before you became a Christian?
- 2. To what extent does it still describe you after becoming a Christian?
- 3. Verses 4-7: What does it mean to be saved?
- 4. What are we saved from?
- 5. On what basis are we justified?
- 6. What does it mean by the washing of regeneration (rebirth) and renewal by the Holy Spirit?
- 7. Verse 8: How do these facts motivate a Christian to do good works?

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. *Interlude* Christ, we do all adore thee!

Communion

The Gathering of Offerings & Sending Hymn: There is a Fountain Filled with Blood | 253

- 1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.
- 2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away; washed all my sins away; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.
- 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die: and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
- 4. Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save, when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave: lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave; when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.
- 5. Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more: be saved to sin no more; till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more.

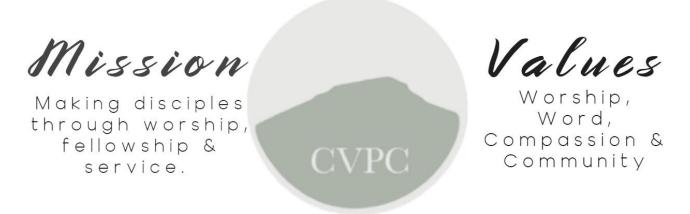
Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you, and keep you: The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace... so that all the peoples will say...

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

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