

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
April 11, 2021

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Meditation: Ruth 1:11-18

But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Call To Worship: Psalm 84:8-12

L: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

ALL: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

L: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

ALL: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely | 371

1. O Lord of Hosts, how lovely the place where thou dost dwell! Thy tabernacles holy in pleasantness excel. My soul is longing, fainting, Jehovah's courts to see; my heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for thee.
2. Blest who thy house inhabit, they ever give thee praise; blest all whom thou dost strengthen, who love the sacred ways. So they from strength unwearied go forward unto strength, till they appear in Zion before the Lord at length.
3. O hear, Lord God of Jacob, to me an answer yield; the face of thine anointed, behold, O God, our shield. One day excels a thousand if spend thy courts within; I'll choose thy threshold, rather than dwell in tents of sin.
4. Our sun and shield, Jehovah, will grace and glory give; no good will he deny them that uprightly do live. O God of hosts, Jehovah, how blessed is everyone who confidence reposes on thee, O Lord, alone.

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, forever. Amen.

Testimony From a CVPC Family

Song of Preparation: My Prayer

1. Hear my prayer, O LORD, hear my prayer, O LORD! I am poor and full of need.
Guard well my life; I submit to you, I am your servant--you are my God!
Have mercy on me, O LORD! I call unto you all the day long.
Have mercy on me, O LORD! I call unto you all the day long.
2. Work in me true joy; I lift up my soul. You are forgiving and forever good.
You abound in love--so I call to you, listen to my cry and give your peace.
Have mercy on me, O LORD! I call unto you all the day long.
Have mercy on me, O LORD! I call unto you all the day long.
3. Work in me true joy; I lift up my soul. You are forgiving and forever good.
You abound in love--so I call to you, listen to my cry and give your peace.
Have mercy on me, O LORD! I call unto you all the day long. Amen!

Sermon: "Big Love, Small Things"

Word: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing

Questions for Reflection

1. Why is love (agape) so central to Christianity?
2. What is the connection between Paul's discourse on love in chapter 13 and what he says in chapter 12?
3. According to Paul, what happens if you do great things without love?
4. Which term is the best antonym for love: hate or indifference? Why?
5. Read 1 Cor. 13:1-3 and Matt. 5:43-48. Why is loving your enemy a greater sign of genuine Christian (agape) love than loving those who love you?
6. How has Jesus' love for you informed the way you love others?
7. What is the biggest challenge or fear when we attempt to love others?

The Gathering of Offerings & The Sending Hymn: More Love to Thee, O Christ | 649

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee alone I seek, give what is best:
this all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

3. Let sorrow do its work, send grief or pain; sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise,
this still its prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us
everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every
good word and work... *so that all the peoples will say...*

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

Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
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