

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
May 16, 2021

Liturgist: David Marr | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

Meditation: 2 Samuel 22: 21-31

The Lord dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me. For I have kept the ways of the Lord and have not wickedly departed from my God. For all his rules were before me, and from his statutes I did not turn aside. I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt. And the Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight. With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

Call To Worship: Psalm 138:1-6

L: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

ALL: for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

L: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

ALL: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past | 30

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in following years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

ALL: O Christ Jesus, the awesome judge of the universe, we confess that we have not lived as those prepared to meet you face to face. We have felt too tired to bear good fruit. We think ourselves to be too busy to be attentive to your Word. The apathy we have shown about sharing the Good News to those whom we have met this past week through word and deed is alarming. Our impatience with those who are closest to us is astounding. We are without excuse. Outside of your mercy and forgiveness we have no hope. Help us first to humbly repent. Give us the strength to view ourselves with sober judgment as we are convicted by your unbreakable truth. We need more grace to be sustained until you take us to glory. Holy Spirit, minister to our broken hearts and apply to us the love of the Father through the person and finished work of Jesus Christ.

(time of silent confession)

L: Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. *(Proverbs 28:13)*

Song of Preparation: All I Have is Christ

1. I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,
and if you had not loved me first I would refuse you still.

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
you looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed; you suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace.

Refrain: Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.
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3. Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see.
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose,
and let my song forever be: my only boast is you. *(Refrain)*

Sermon: “The Mindset of Humility”

Word: Philippians 2:1-11

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Questions for Reflection

1. Summarize Paul's main point in Philippians 2:1-11.
2. Provide a good definition for humility as seen in this passage.
3. How is it possible for us to have the same mind as Christ Jesus?
4. What does it mean that Jesus was in the form of God?
5. How did Jesus show humility while he was in heaven?
6. How did he show humility while he was on earth?
7. What lessons about humility can we learn from Jesus' example while he was in heaven and on earth?
8. How can you practice humility in your daily life; in your marriage, as a parent, as a child, as an officer of the church?

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

The Gathering of Tithes & The Sending Hymn: How Sweet and Awesome is the Place | 469

1. How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.
2. While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
each of us cry, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,
when thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.
5. Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see thy churches full, that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

Benediction: Deuteronomy 33:12

Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves rests between his shoulders. . . *so that all the peoples will say...*

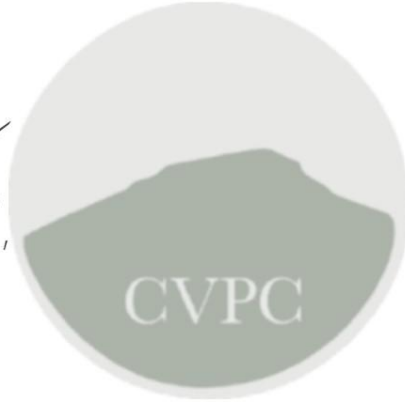
ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!

Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
Community

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