

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
June 20, 2021
Liturgist: Scott Kennedy | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis

Meditation: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Call to Worship: Psalm 81:1-4

L: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

ALL: Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

L: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

ALL: For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Blow Ye the Trumpet Blow | 474

1. Blow ye the trumpet, blow! The gladly solemn sound let all the nations know, to earth's remotest bound: The year of jubilee is come; return, ye ransomed sinners, home; return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

2. Jesus, our great High Priest, has full atonement made; ye weary spirits, rest; ye mournful souls, be glad: The year of jubilee is come; return, ye ransomed sinners, home; return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

3. Extol the Lamb of God, the sacrificial Lamb; redemption through his blood throughout the world proclaim. The year of jubilee is come; return, ye ransomed sinners, home; return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

4. Ye slaves of sin and hell, your liberty receive; and safe in Jesus dwell, and blest in Jesus live: The year of jubilee is come; return, ye ransomed sinners, home; return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

5. Ye who have sold for naught your heritage above, receive it back unbought, the gift of Jesus' love: The year of jubilee is come; return, ye ransomed sinners, home; return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

6. The gospel trumpet hear, the news of heavenly grace; and saved from earth, appear before your Savior's face: The year of jubilee is come; return, ye ransomed sinners, home; return, ye ransomed sinners, 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, forever. Amen.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

L: Our good God and Father, we confess that we have placed more weight in our pious words than in our privilege to serve each other in love.

ALL: We have often found ourselves adding to the noise of this world as we chase our selfish ambitions and our feeble attempts to impress each other.

L: We have not been patient with our family members. We have not been kind to those under our care.

ALL: We have looked down on others and have not cheerfully submitted to the guidance of our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

L: We have not forgiven as you have forgiven us. We have been slow to protect, reluctant to trust, passive in building hope, and have easily given up on those you have placed alongside us in the faith.

ALL: We have failed to love your body and its members as you have commanded. We have avoided this most excellent way. Please forgive us for Jesus' sake.

(time of silent confession)

L: Beloved of God, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as wool. Christ Jesus has paid your debt in full. You are free to walk in a manner worthy of the calling and praise your Father for this indescribable gift. Dear child, be at rest.

Song of Preparation: The Romans Doxology

1. Oh the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God!
How unsearchable his ways? How profound are his judgments;
so high above our thoughts, and his pathways no man can trace.

Refrain: For from him and through him, and to him are all things.
To him be glory forevermore; to him be glory forever. Amen! Amen! Amen!

2. Oh the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God!
How magnificent are his ways? Who has been his advisor?
And who has counseled him? All he gives us who can repay? *(Refrain)*

3. Oh the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God!
How immeasurable is his grace? How unfailing his kindness;
so far removed his wrath, and his mercies are new each day. *(Refrain)*

Sermon: “Christian Encouragement”

Word: Philippians 4:8-9

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Questions for Reflection

1. How do the words lovely (to have your words spoken in a loving way) and commendable (to give a good word) relate to encouragement (to give someone support, comfort, and hope)?
2. Some have described encouragement as the primary way in which Christians relate to one another. Taking into account what was said above, do you agree with this statement? How would you support your answer from the bible?
3. Why is encouragement such a vital part of the Christian life? Give an example from scripture of someone who was used by God to be an encouragement to others.
4. What is the difference between flattery and encouragement? Which one is most prevalent in our current cultural context? Which one is more prevalent in our churches?
5. When was the last time you received encouragement as a Christian?
6. When was the last time you gave encouragement as a Christian?
7. How is Jesus' mediatorial work in heaven an encouragement for the believer?

Song of Approach: Spirit of the Living God | 726

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. *(Repeat)*

Communion

The Offertory & Sending Hymn: Jesus, I am Resting, Resting | 188

1. Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art; I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart. Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul, for, by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

Refrain: Jesus! I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art; I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

2. O how great thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea! O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me! Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine, Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. *(Refrain)*

3. Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art, and thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart; satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need, compasseth me round with blessings: thine is love indeed. *(Refrain)*

4. Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee; resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee. Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face, keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. *(Refrain)*

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:16

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

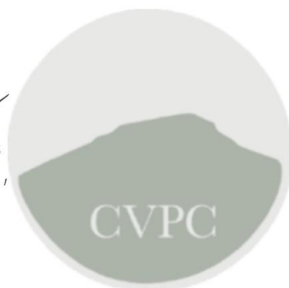
All: Amen, our LORD is faithful; praise the LORD!

Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
Community

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