

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
July 4, 2021

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Meditation: Ezekiel 37:15-23

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.' And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, 'Will you not tell us what you mean by these?' say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand. When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Call To Worship: Psalm 32:6-11

L: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to the LORD at a time when he may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

ALL: You, O LORD, are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

L: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

ALL: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

L: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,

ALL: Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Rejoice, the LORD is King | 310

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Jesus the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
5. Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Special Prayer for HS Students & Leaders for RYM Camp Week

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.

Responsive Psalm Reading of Psalm 1 & 2

L: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

ALL: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

ALL: In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

ALL: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

L: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

ALL: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

L: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

ALL: I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

L: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

ALL: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

L: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

ALL: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Song of Preparation: Heal Us

Refrain: Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are, we long to feel your touch.
Deep wounded souls to thee fly, O, Savior hear our cry.

1. Our faith is feeble we confess, we faintly trust your word;
but will you pity us the less? Be that far from you, Lord! *(Refrain)*
2. Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief;
"Lord, I believe, with tears he cried, O help my unbelief." *(Refrain)*
3. She too, who touched thee in the press, and healing virtue stole;
was answered, "Daughter, go in peace, your faith hath made thee whole." *(Refrain)*
4. Like her, with hopes and fears, we come, to touch you if we may;
O! send us not despairing home, send none unhealed away. *(Refrain 2x)*

Sermon: "Spiritual Immaturity Manifested"

Word: Jonah 1:1-3

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, **2** "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." **3** But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What is significant about the word of the Lord coming to Jonah (read 2 Kings 14:25)?
2. What did God want Jonah to do? How was Jonah's assignment different from that of Nahum's (Nahum 1:1), Amos (Amos 1:2 - 2:3), and Isaiah (6:8-13)?
3. What was Jonah's response to the word of the Lord? Why did Jonah respond in this way? Why didn't he reason with God about his assignment (Jonah 4:2)? In what ways was his response justified and in what ways was his response not justified?
4. Why did Jonah flee to Tarshish (think geographically)? In light of Psalm 139:7-12 (which Jonah probably read), did Jonah really think he could flee from the presence of God?
5. Jonah went through extraordinary lengths to flee from God (Jonah rose in haste, went to Joppa, gave a great amount of money to pagans, and entrusted his safety to them). In what ways do you see yourself fleeing to Tarshish away from God's word and his presence? What lengths do you go to?
6. Why do we often struggle to obey God's word and his will?
7. Think about all the ways you are resisting God's word and his will. Instead of running, spend some time with God and others talking through what faithfulness to God looks like (this may take a few days). What was the fruit of that conversation?

The Offertory & 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 thy 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: 2 Peter 1:2-3

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence... *so that all the peoples will say...*

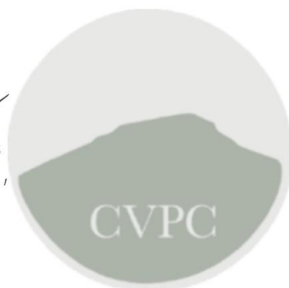
ALL: Amen, our LORD is faithful; praise the LORD!

Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
Community

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