Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church Order of Worship July 11, 2021

Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

Meditation: Revelation 22: 17-20

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Call To Worship: Psalm 104:1-9

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

ALL: He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.

L: He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

ALL: At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them.

L: You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy | 100

- 1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! 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, 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. (2x)
- 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. (2x)
- 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. (2x) Amen!

Sermon: "Spiritual Indifference"

Word: Jonah 1:4-6

4 But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. **5** Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. **6** So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

Questions for Reflection *Note: Read the book of Jonah*

- 1. Because Jonah rejects the word of the Lord, he becomes spiritually indifferent. Jonah's spiritual indifference is illustrated in the text based on the fact that he is asleep. What are the signs of being spiritually indifferent (Read Rev. 2:1-5 and 3:14-22 as a guide)?
- 2. How does God react to Jonah's spiritual indifference (vs. 4)? What does God's reaction to Jonah communicate about the character of God (particularly his sovereignty)? How would an unbeliever interpret God's actions versus that of a believer?
- 3. Compare and contrast Jonah's reaction to the storm and the sailors' reaction to the storm (read all of chapter one for context). Who is more spiritually mature Jonah or the pagan sailors? Give reasons for your answer.
- 4. Jonah's spiritual indifference caused great harm to him as well as others. In what ways do you often find yourself to be spiritually indifferent and how has that caused harm to others around you? How has the spiritual indifference of others caused harm to you?
- 5. Revelation 2:5 gives us a pathway out of spiritual apathy: remember, repent, and renew. If you are currently battling spiritual apathy, take a moment to reflect on this process. In what ways do you find this process helpful?

The Offertory & Sending Hymn: The Sands of Time Are Sinking | 546

- 1. The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of Heaven breaks, The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair, sweet morn awakes; dark, dark hath been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.
- 2. The King there in His beauty, Without a veil is seen; it were a well spent journey, though sev'n deaths lay between: the Lamb with his fair army doth on Mount Zion stand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.
- 3. O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep, deep well of love! The streams on earth I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above: there to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's land.
- 4. The bride eyes not her garments, but her dear Bridegroom's face; I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace; not at the crown he giveth, but on his pierced hand: the Lamb is all the glory of Immanuel's land.

Benediction: Revelation 22:21

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen... so that all the peoples will say...

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

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