

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
July 18, 2021

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

Meditation: Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion. The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Call To Worship: Psalm 46:8-11

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

ALL: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

L: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

ALL: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Come, We That Love the Lord | 700

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

2. Let those refuse to sing that never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.

3. The men of grace have found glory begun below;
celestial fruits on earthly ground from and hope may grow.

4. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
before we reach the heav'nly fields or walk the golden streets.

5. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.

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 and Assurance of Pardon

ALL: Holy Father, we have resisted your Spirit's leading in our lives and have not flourished as new creatures in Christ Jesus. Though you have given us the gift of faith and have justified us by your Son's life, death, and resurrection, we have spent the wealth of your heavenly riches on self-love, self-gratification, and self-delusion. We have been motivated often by the fear of condemnation rather than the joy of fellowship with you. We have grown callous as we hear your Word. So much so that good fruit like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control is frequently choked out in our lives. Rescue us from vanity and give us passion to pursue holiness by faith. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(time of silent confession)

L: The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life. Sinner, you have been forgiven in Christ as a child of the Heavenly Father.

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: "Spiritually Mature Pagans"

Word: Jonah 1:7-10

7 And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" 9 And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

Questions for Reflection: Jonah 1:7-16 *(Please read the book of Jonah.)*

1. Looking at chapter 1, list all the ways God sovereignly worked to bring the sailors to repentance.
2. How did God use Jonah specifically despite his spiritual indifference toward pagans?
3. Read Jonah 1:9, in what ways does this statement accurately represent God's character?
4. What is the difference between the mariners fear mentioned in vs. 5 and their fear in vs. 10-16?
5. Trace the theme of "hurling" in Jonah and talk about how each one was an act of grace.
6. What is the significance between the mariners crying out in verse 5 and 6; and them crying out in verse 14?
7. In what ways do the mariners show fruits of repentance? Read vs. 14 and 16 as a guide.

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: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus | 679

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *(Refrain)*

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *(Refrain)*

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. *(Refrain)*

Benediction: Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus... *so that all the peoples will say...*

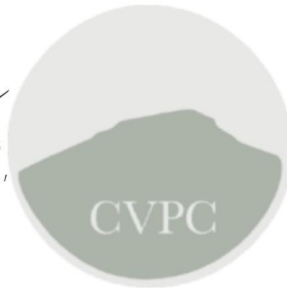
All: Amen, our LORD is faithful; praise the LORD!

Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
Community

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