

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Order Of Worship

May 24, 2020

Liturgist and Sermon: Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

Meditation: Exodus 34: 6-8

“The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.”

Call to Worship: Psalm 86:5

“Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.”

Opening Hymn: 38 | *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.
4. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see: 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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.

A Testimony of God’s Faithfulness in the Midst of Quarantine From a CVPC Family

Song Preparation: *Heal Us Emmanuel*

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 Your 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)

Word: 1 John 4:1-21

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother."

Homily: "Discerning God's Love"

The Sending Hymn: 692 | *To You, O Lord, I Fly*

1. To you, O Lord, I fly and on your help depend; you are my Lord and King Most High; great God, my soul defend. A heritage for me Jehovah will remain; my portion rich and full is he, my right he will maintain.

2. The lot to me that fell is beautiful and fair; the heritage in which I dwell is good beyond compare. I praise the Lord above whose counsel guides aright; my heart instructs me in his love in seasons of the night.

3. I keep before me still the Lord whom I have proved; at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved. Life's pathway you will show, to your right hand will guide, where streams of pleasure ever flow, and boundless joys abide.

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.... so that all the peoples will say...

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