

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order Of Worship
September 6, 2020

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Meditation: John 1:1-9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and this life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

Call to Worship: Psalm 51:14-17

L: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

ALL: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

L: For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

ALL: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Of the Father's Love Begotten | 162

1. Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

2. O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

3. This is he whom heav'n-taught singers sang of old with one accord,
whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

4. O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

5. Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

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.

Confession: Responsive Reading of Psalm 123 & 124

L: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

ALL: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

L: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

ALL: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Song of Preparation: Holy Spirit, Give Your Grace (Stanzas 1 & 2 with Alleluia)

1. Holy Spirit, give your grace for I am full of need.
I cannot stand my brokenness or flee from all my grief.
Your Word to me is good; cool salve for burning woes.
O Paraclete, carve out my sin and soothe my aching soul.
Alleluia, Amen, Amen. Alleluia, Amen, Amen.

2. Holy Spirit, give your peace; dispel my rebel thoughts.
My doubts assail, my fears cast out; my tears allow to flow.
O Hope of Heaven on high give courage to my heart.
Reveal to me the Christ of God, make me reflect His art.
Alleluia, Amen, Amen. Alleluia, Amen, Amen.

Word: Genesis 1:1-2; Luke 1:26-38

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" **29** But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. **30** And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." **34** And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" **35** And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. **36** And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **37** For nothing will be impossible with God." **38** And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Sermon: "The Forgotten God?"

Sending Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King | 101

1. Come, Thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
4. To the great One in Three, Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Benediction: Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope... so that all the peoples will say...

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

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