

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order Of Worship
November 8, 2020

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Meditation: Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Call To Worship: Psalm 125

L: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

ALL: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

L: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

ALL: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!

L: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers!

ALL: Peace be upon Israel!

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus | 170

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

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.

Testimony From a CVPC Family

Song of Preparation: You Shall Go Out with Joy

You shall go out with joy and be let forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the fields will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
and the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
and the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
while you go out with joy.

Sermon: "Let Israel Say"

Word: Psalm 124

1 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say **2** if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us, **3** then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; **4** then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; **5** then over us would have gone the raging waters. **6** Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! **7** We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! **8** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Questions for Reflection

1. Has 2020 been for you a year of crazy happenings, and does it seem that everything is out of control?
2. Why is Israel so often taught to 'remember'?
3. What evidence can you recall that makes you aware of God's Protective Providence?
4. Why has God preserved the Jewish people; and particularly why do 42% of them live in the USA?
5. What things can we learn from a year of pandemic, protests and presidential election?
6. What is wrong with the American 'we can do this' mentality?
7. Is everything 'against us' in 2020?

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 Emmanuel'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 Emmanuel's land.

3. O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep sweet 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 Emmanuel's land.

4. The bride eyes not her garment, 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 Emmanuel's land.

Benediction: Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever... so that all the peoples will say...

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

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