Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church Order of Worship June 27, 2021

Liturgist: Scott Kennedy | Sermon: Rev. George Granberry | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

Meditation: Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-6

L: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

ALL: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

L: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

ALL: Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

L: In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

ALL: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory | 122

- 1. God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might; ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night; beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea; all the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.
- 2. Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee; ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty. Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days, are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.
- 3. But our sins have spoiled thine image, nature, conscience only serve as unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve. Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.
- 4. God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee; we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity. Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will; with our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

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.

Song of Preparation: Let it Be Said of Us

1. Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion, that with gladness we bore every cross we were given, that we fought the good fight, that we finished our course knowing within us the power of the risen Lord.

Refrain: Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song; by mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song; let the Gospel of Jesus be ever made known.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

2. Let it be said of us, we were marked by forgiveness, we were known by our love, and delighted in meekness. We were ruled by his peace, heeding unity's call, joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. (*Refrain 2x*)

Sermon: "The Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste"

Word: Philippians 4:9

9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. What comes to mind when you hear the word "excellent"?
- 2. How does the world use the word? What does the world describe as excellent?
- 3. In what ways is excellence an impossible standard to achieve? How can we as Christians know excellence?
- 4. What would our society say is worthy of praise? What or who do they normally praise?
- 5. How is this similar to what the world considers excellent?
- 6. For the Christian, what is worthy of praise?
- 7. What makes Paul's imperative to "think about" or "let your mind dwell" possible for the Christian?
- 8. What is the role of the mind in following Christ?

The Offertory & Sending Hymn: Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment | 676

- 1. Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here; trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what he deems best—lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.
- 2. Every day, the Lord himself is near me with a special mercy for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me, he whose name is Counselor and Pow'r. The protection of his child and treasure is a charge that on himself he laid; "As your days, your strength shall be in measure," this the pledge to me he made.
- 3. Help me then in every tribulation so to trust your promises, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet consolation offered me within your holy Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, e'er to take, as from a father's hand, one by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land.

Benediction: Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... so that all the peoples will say...

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

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