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**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**

*Service of Worship*

*Sunday, January 21, 2007*

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and expend your energies for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

...

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

Isaiah 55:1-2, 8

*God Gathers His People ...*

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Psalm 34:1-3

*... His People Come by Faith ...*

\* O Father, You Are Sovereign

Hymn #75

\* Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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

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<sup>1</sup> "Worship" is not something that WE initiate; not primarily something that WE do for GOD; rather, God initiates and directs worship as a means by which HE shapes and tunes US to declare and display HIS glory in Christ for HIS pleasure and our good.

*God Tunes the Heart of His People ...*

*... through Psalm reading...*

*Psalm 34:4-14*

Leader: I sought the Lord,  
and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

**Congregation: Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

Leader: This poor man cried;

**Congregation: the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

All: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,  
and delivers them.

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Congregation: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Leader: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!

**Congregation (Right):  
The young lions suffer want and hunger;**

Congregation (Left):  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

**Leader: Come, O children listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

Congregation (Right):  
What man is there who desires life and loves many days,  
that he may see good?

**Congregation (Left): Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

*... through hymns & spiritual songs ...*

\* Shout to the Lord

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\* O God Beyond All Praising

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*... to know "the end of the Matter"*

*Psalm 34:19-22*

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

*... God Teaches His People...*

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40

Message

God Must be Crazy  
-- or -- When God Loses It

*God's People Receive His Word by Faith...*

\* God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Hymn #128

*God Feeds His People & Fellowships with Them ...*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

\* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him, all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*We Offer Ourselves & Our Resources to Him*

*God Sends His People Out with His Blessing ...*

\* Now May He Who from the Dead ...

Hymn #387

\* God's Benediction<sup>2</sup>

"The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Thus you shall bless My people:  
'The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.'  
In this way shall I put my name upon my people, and I will bless them."  
Numbers 6:24-26

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<sup>2</sup> "Benediction" is the "good Word" of God's blessing by which He secures, sustains and equips his people to display His glory

