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**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**  
*Service of Worship*  
**Sunday November 16, 2008**

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

*Prelude*

*Greetings & Life of the Church*

*Please take a moment to greet one another according to the Good News of the Gospel: we who were dead are made alive by God's abounding grace and mercy in Jesus Christ!*

*Meditation*

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

James 1:22-25

*God Gathers His People' ...*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95:1-7

*\*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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*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<sup>2</sup>

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

*... through the confession of Sin...*

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before thee our sinful nature- prone to evil and slothful in good- and all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from thy way, in wasting thy gifts, in forgetting thy love. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we; have displeased thee. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech thee, to live in thy light and walk in thy ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*... through the Assurance of Pardon ...*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Palm 103:8-13

*... and Hymns of Praise*

*\*Come Thou Fount*

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

Scripture Reading

*Acts 13:4-12*

Message

*Who Can You Believe?*

*God's People Respond by Faith...*

*\*... through hymns ...*

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*There is a Redeemer*

*... Through Celebration of Communion ...*

*\* ... praise...*

*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!

*... and Sacrifices of Thanksgiving ...*

*Offering Ourselves & Our Resources to Him*

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

*\*Roman's Doxology*

*Hymnal Inside Cover*

*\* God's Benediction<sup>3</sup>*

**Leader:** Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever that all the peoples may say:

**Congregation:** "Amen! Our LORD is faithful!" Praise the LORD.

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<sup>1</sup> "Worship" is not something that WE initiate; not primarily something that WE do for GOD; rather, God calls us to worship as a means of His grace by which to shape and tune US to declare and display HIS glory in Christ for HIS pleasure and our good.

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<sup>2</sup> "Amen" grows from the Hebrew root meaning "true and faithful;" we pray with hope and confidence because our covenant God is "true and faithful" to his covenant promises.

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<sup>3</sup> "Benediction" is the "good Word" of God's blessing by which He secures, sustains and equips his people by his steadfast, covenantal love in Christ for the display of His glory

