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**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**  
*Service of Worship*  
*Sunday March 22, 2009*

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created ... [and] in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross.<sup>1</sup>

Colossians 1:15-20

*God Gathers His People ...*

*... Celebrated in Baptism ...*

Jonathan Reeves Monahan

In [Jesus] we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, ... were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:11-14

“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” Acts 2:39

*God's People Join their Voices in Praise ...*

*\*Wonderful Merciful Savior*

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<sup>1</sup> At the center of God's strategy “to reconcile to himself all things,” is a whole, new creation by and in Jesus Christ and him crucified. The heartbeat of this new creation is worship, a provision of God's grace in Christ, by which we learn to feel, think, speak, and act as God's good people.

*\*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 Confession of Sin...*

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:1-5

*... through our Declaration of Praise ...*

*\*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

*#465*

*\*Glorify Thy Name*

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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.

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

Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 49:1-13*

Message

*The Second Servant Song:*

*When Our Attempts to Escape Fail, What Then?*

*\*There is a Redeemer*

*Insert*

*Celebration of Communion*

*God's People Respond to His Word by Faith...*

*\* ... 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 Tithes and Offerings of Thanksgiving ...*

*... Committing our Resources to Him*

*God Sends His People ...*

*\* ... with Rejoicing*

*Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*

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*\* ... and the Benediction<sup>3</sup> of His Grace*

**Leader:** The Grace, Mercy, and Peace of God the Father, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever so that all people may say,

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

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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

## For Individual & Family Worship

Week of Mar 22 – Mar 28, 2009

As we systematically read through the Bible together following this plan, we will gain an appreciation for God's story of Glory, Grace and Truth displayed through the ages among and through his people. It is a story filled with intrigue, deception, colossal failures and even greater stories of redemption. Once this becomes a part of our normal routine, we will be amazed how these stories come to mind in the face of daily life challenges.

### Scripture Reading: Morning

#### Sunday:

Monday: Lv 4, Ps 91

Tuesday: Lv 5, Ps 92

Wednesday: Lv 6&7, Ps 93&94

Thursday: Lv 8, Ps 95

Friday: Lv 9&10, Ps 96

Saturday: Lv 11, Ps 97&98

### Evening

Acts 25

Acts 26

Acts 27

Acts 28

Similarly, as we participate in the hymns and prayers of God's people in Christ from throughout history, we will gain an appreciation for the continuing, present unfolding of God's story of Glory and Grace in Jesus among his people by his Spirit.

### Hymn:

*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (Trinity, #465)*

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.  
*Refrain*
2. Sin and despair like the seawaves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.  
*Refrain*

- REFRAIN -

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin.

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. *Refrain*

### Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

O Lord, we ask you favorably to hear the prayers of your people; that we, who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

-- *The Gregorian Sacramentary*

## Sermon Notes

Passage: Isaiah 47:1-13

Message: *When Our Attempts to Escape Fail, What Then?*

Having identified, perhaps, the impotence and incompetence of our idols and our idolatry, we find ourselves wanting to get away from them – to somehow escape their presence and power. But, employing every tactic – from covert to overt – to move beyond their sphere of influence, yet we find they are close at hand, making themselves at home wherever we find ourselves. Happening repeatedly, we find ourselves fatigued and despondent: I have tried, I've done all I can; I've failed miserably, repeatedly. I cannot do it.

*Hear the Servant Speak ...*

*... the Equipped One ...*

*... the Effective One ...*

*... the Embracing One ...*

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