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## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Sunday, April 12 2009

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

### *God Calls His People to Worship the Risen Lord!*

**Leader:** Christ is risen!

**Congregation:** The Lord is risen indeed!

**Leader:** Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to our God forever and ever!

**Congregation:** Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Leader:** "So then, why have we been called here?"

**Congregation:** "We are all here in the presence of God to hear all that he has spoken by his grace and so be strengthened for his glory."

\*Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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

\*Invocation

**Leader:** God has made us alive with Christ!

**Congregation:** Death has been swallowed up in victory!

**Leader:** Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Amen!

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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.

### *Encounters With Our Risen Lord*

Two Marys

Matthew 28:1-10

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

#498, v. 1

Peter

John 20:3-9

Mary Magdalene

John 20:10-18

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

#498, v. 2

Guards, Priests, Crowds

Matthew 28:4, 11-15

Meditation

Were You There?

Disciples

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

#498, v. 3

Thomas

John 20:24-29

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

#498, v. 5

We Ourselves

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for us, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that our faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

### *Guidance from Our Risen Lord*

Scripture Reading

Mt 26:26-29; 36-40; 27:45-50, 28:9, 18-19,

Acts 1:1-16

Message

*Kingdom Topography:*

*Journeying with the Servant as Citizens of His New Kingdom*

\*Lamb of God

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### *God's People Respond to Their Risen Lord...*

\*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! Amen

Offertory

*See What a Morning*

\*O Church Arise

*Insert*

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

**Leader:** Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

**Congregation:** We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

**Leader:** Let us bless our Lord!

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

**Leader:** May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever!

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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

**For Individual & Family Worship**  
 Week of Apr 12 – Apr 18, 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 27, Ps 113&114  
**Tuesday:** Nm 1, Ps 115&116  
**Wednesday:** Nm 2, Ps 117&118  
**Thursday:** Nm 3, Ps 119:1-24  
**Friday:** Nm 4, Ps 119:25-56  
**Saturday:** Nm 5&6, Ps 119:57-88

**Evening**

Rom 13  
 Rom 14  
 Rom 15  
 Rom 16

*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:**

***O Church, Arise***

1. O church, arise and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain; For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" Reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul, But to rage against the captor; And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valor. When faced with trials on ev'ry side, We know the outcome is secure, And Christ will have the prize for which He died— An inheritance of nations.
3. Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken; Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave, 'This vict'ry march continues till the day Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
4. So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, Give grace for ev'ry hurdle, That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace, We hear their calls and hunger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glory

**Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:**

Almighty God, who sees that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us, both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

— *The Gregorian Sacramentary*

**Sermon Notes**

Passage: Various

Message: Kingdom Topography

*The Servant has come! He has been crowned the King! He has entered the battle and emerged victorious, rescuing us for his new kingdom by the power of the resurrection! What does the terrain look like now and what kind of journey might we expect as citizens of the Kingdom in this new world order of resurrection glory?*

*Enthusiastic Welcomes ....*

*Intimate Fellowship ...*

*Grave Fears & Disappointment ...*

*A Good Friend ...*

*Glorious Deliverance ...*

*Wisdom in Confusion; Hope in Despair ...*

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 peace of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ  
 working in His people empowered by His Spirit for His glory.*

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