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## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship<sup>1</sup>

Sunday April 19, 2009

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:14-15, 17

### God Gathers His People ...

But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds- his name is the LORD - and rejoice before him. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing.

Psalms 68:3-6a

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

*\*Come, Christians Join to Sing*

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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 Declaring our Faith...*

**Leader:** You showed favor to your land, O LORD; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins. You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

**Congregation:** Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

**Leader:** I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints— but let them not return to folly. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him that his glory may dwell in our land.

**Congregation:** Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Psalms 85

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

*\*Lord I Lift your Name on High*

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*\*In the Lord Alone*

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

Scripture Reading

*Acts 16:6-10*

Message

*of Pizza, People, and the Will of God*

*\*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

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*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*

*Romans Doxology  
Inside Hymnal Cover*

*\* ... 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>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

**For Individual & Family Worship**  
Week of Apr 19 – Apr 25, 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:** Nm 7, Ps 119:89-120  
**Tuesday:** Nm 8&9, Ps 119:121-152  
**Wednesday:** Nm 10, Ps 119:153-176  
**Thursday:** Nm 11, Ps 120&121  
**Friday:** Nm 12&13, Ps 122-124  
**Saturday:** Nm 14, Ps 125&126

**Evening**

Mk 1  
Mk 2  
Mk 3  
Mk 4  
Mk 5  
Mk 6

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:**

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me (Trinity, #605)*

1. All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide? Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell; for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well; for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.
2. All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread, gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread. Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be, gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see; gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!
3. All the way my Savior leads me – O the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above: when my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way; this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way!

**Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:**

O God, who by your only begotten Son has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, grant us, we ask you, that we who celebrate the solemnities of our Lord's resurrection may by the renewing of your Spirit arise from death of the soul; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*– the Gelasian Sacramentary*

**Sermon Notes**

Passage: Isaiah 42:1-9

Message: *of Pizza, People, and the Will of God*

Since, now, Jesus of Nazareth has been raised from the dead and has ascended to sit upon the throne ... we instinctively function in our lives as though he were all but irrelevant in our day-to-day journey through his Kingdom assuming that he has given us many skills and wisdom so that we won't need to bother him with details. However, as Luke has been persistently showing us, King Jesus continues to be very actively involved in leading and equipping his people in accomplishing his mission by the power of his Spirit ...

... by closing some doors and opening others ...

... both personally and corporately ...

... circumstantially and rationally ...

... often in spite of our own much exalted skill, energy, and wisdom ...

Knowing this can be a great comfort ... or a great frustration ...

... depending on what we make of the wisdom of Jesus' leadership.

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