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## Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship<sup>1</sup>

Sunday April 26, 2009

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:14-19

### God Gathers His People ...

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. Psalm 66:1-9

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

*\*King of the Nations*

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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...

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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A Song of Ascents

In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.  
Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.

What shall be given to you, and what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue? A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree!

Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech that I dwell among the tents of Kedar! Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace. I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war!

Psalm 121

... through our Declaration of Praise ...

*\*How Sweet and Awesome Is The Place*

#469

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:11-24

Message

*Strategies of the King:  
Eventualities of Gospel Proclamation*

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

*\*... with hymns ...*

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
#457*

... prayer ...

*Prayers of the People for the King's Worldwide Work*

*\* ... 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! Amen.

... and Tithes and Offerings of Thanksgiving ...

*... Committing our Resources to Him*

### God Sends His People ...

*\* ... with Rejoicing*

*Christ We Do all Adore Three*

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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>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 26 – May 2, 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:** Nm15, Ps 127&128

**Tuesday:** Nm 16, Ps 129&130

**Wednesday:** Nm 17&18, Ps 131&132

**Thursday:** Nm 19&20, Ps 133&134

**Friday:** Nm 21, Ps 135,

**Saturday:** Nm 22, Ps 136

**Evening**

Mk 7

Mk 8

Mk 9

Mk 10

Mk 11

Mk 12

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:**

*How Sweet and Awesome is the Place (Trinity, #469)*

1. How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.
2. While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, each of us cries, with thankful tongue, 'Lord, why was I a guest?'
3. 'Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room, when thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?'
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.
5. Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come; send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

**Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:**

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection has delivered us from the power of the enemy, grant us to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him, in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*-- Gregory the Great (ca 540-604 A.D.)*

**Sermon Notes**

Passage: Acts 16:11-24

Message: *Eventualities of the Gospel*

Because the gospel is known to us as good news of great joy, and because we associate the gospel with the peace of God that is for all people, we assume that the way it secures that joy and that peace will be painless and not disrupt the carefully manicured and maintained smiles and calm that characterize our world. What a surprise, then, when the good news of God in Jesus enters our hearts, our lives, our communities and 'disturb our city,' by advocating ideas, habits, practices to which we are not accustomed and which appear dangerous and subversive ...

*The Gospel Re-orders Society ...*

*The Gospel Re-assigns the Spirits of the Age ...*

*The Gospel Initiates New Habits ...*

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