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**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**

*Service of Worship<sup>1</sup>*

*Sunday June 28, 2009*

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*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*Psalm 23*

*God Gathers His People ...*

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*Psalm 103:19-22*

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

*\*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

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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 ...*

*... By Remembering Our Circumstances...*

*We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought*

*#493*

*... Proclaiming His Faithfulness...*

Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth –

Let Israel now say –

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,

Yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back; they made long their furrows.”

The Lord is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.

May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned backward!

Let them be like the grass on the housetops,

Which withers before it grows up,

With which the reaper does not fill his hand

nor the binder of sheaves his arms,

nor do those who pass by say,

“The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

We bless you in the name of the Lord!”

*Psalm 129*

*... and Declaring our Praise ...*

*\*Before the Throne of God Above*

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

*Scripture Reading*

*Numbers 6:22-27*

*Message*

*Fruit of the Spirit's Work: Joy*

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

*\*O For a Thousands Tongues to Sing*

*#164*

*Prayers of the People*

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*\* ... 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*

*Romans Doxology*

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

**Leader:** The Grace, Mercy, and Peace of God the Father through Christ Jesus our Lord by the gift of the Spirit be with you and rest upon you, strengthening you to know the love of Christ in your service to Christ to display the glory of Christ so that all people may say,

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

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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.

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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 June 28, 2009 – July 4, 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.

<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>		
<b>Monday:</b>	Js 7, Ps 45	Acts 21
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Js 8, Ps 46	Acts 22
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Js 9, Ps 47	Acts 23
<b>Thursday:</b>	Js 10, Ps 48	Acts 24
<b>Friday:</b>	Js 11, Ps 49	Acts 25
<b>Saturday:</b>	Js 12, Ps 50	

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:** Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne (Trinity, #65)

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| <p>1. Before Jehovah's awesome throne, all nations, bow with sacred joy; know that the Lord is God alone, he can create, and he destroy – he can create and he destroy.</p> <p>2. His sovereign pow'r, without our aid, made us of dust and formed us men; and when like wand'ring sheep we strayed, he brought us to his fold again – he brought us to his fold again.</p> <p>3. We are his people, we his care, our souls and all our mortal frame; what lasting honors shall we rear, almighty Maker, to your name? – almighty Maker, to your name?</p> | <p>4. We'll crowd your gates with thankful songs, high as the heav'ns our voices raise; and earth, with her ten thousand tongues, shall fill your courts with sounding praise – shall fill your courts with sounding praise.</p> <p>5. Wide as the world is your command, vast as eternity your love; firm as a rock your truth must stand, when rolling years shall cease to move – when rolling years shall cease to move.</p> |
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**Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:**

Almighty God, who knows our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: set free your servants from all anxious thoughts for the morrow. Give us contentment with your good gifts. Confirm our faith that, according as we seek your kingdom, you will not suffer us to lack any good thing. Provide, therefore, whatever you see to be necessary for our health and salvation. Of your fatherly love and compassion, give us whatever else would truly bless us. All our desire is known, O Lord, to you. Therefore, perfect in us what your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. Amen.

– Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.)

**Sermon Notes**

Passage: Numbers 6:22-27

Message: *Fruit of the Spirit: Joy*

The joy that characterizes the Christian life, we often imagine, is something that grows from our circumstances, or from within us despite our circumstances. In fact, however, the joy that characterizes the Christian is the joy of Another in whose presence we live and breathe and have our being; this presence, in other words, is the Circumstance that defines our day-to-day circumstances.

- the Joy of Resting in God's Safety

- the Joy of Reveling in God's Pleasure

- the Joy of Prospering in God's Peace

*This is not all just whistlin' Dixie while Atlanta burns, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus seal this all as the real deal!*

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