

**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**Order Of Worship**  
**May 3, 2020**  
**Liturgist and Sermon: Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch**

**Meditation: Matthew 25:1-12**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**Call to Worship: Psalm 121:1-2**

“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

**Opening Hymn & Doxology: 45 | *Now Unto Jehovah Ye Songs of the Mighty***

1. Now unto Jehovah, ye sons of the mighty, All glory and strength and dominion accord;  
Ascribe to Him glory, and render Him honor, (In beauty of holiness worship the Lord x2)
  
2. The voice of Jehovah comes down on the waters; In thunder the God of the glory draws nigh.  
Lo, over the waves of the wide-flowing waters (Jehovah as King is enthroned on high! x2)
  
3. The voice of Jehovah is mighty, is mighty; The voice of Jehovah in majesty speaks:  
The voice of Jehovah the cedars is breaking; (Jehovah the cedars of Lebanon breaks. x2)
  
4. Each one, in his temple, his glory proclaimeth. He sat on the flood; he is King on his throne.  
Jehovah all strength to his people imparteth; Jehovah with peace ever blesseth his own.

**Pastoral Prayer Followed by The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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, for ever. Amen.

### **Responsive Reading of Psalm 46**

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah.

ALL: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

L: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah.

ALL: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

L: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

ALL: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah.

### **Song of Preparation: *Let It Be Said of Us***

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,  
that with gladness we bore every cross we were given;  
that we fought the good fight, that we finished our course  
knowing within us the power of the risen Lord.

Refrain:

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song, by mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song, let the Gospel of Jesus be ever made known.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us: We were marked by forgiveness,  
we were known by our love, and delighted in meekness.  
We were ruled by his peace, heeding unity's call;  
joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all. (Refrain 2x)

### **Word: 1 John 2:18-27**

"Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever

confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life. I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.”

**Homily: “Achtung Baby”**

**The Sending Hymn: 699 | *Like A River Glorious***

1. Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace Over all victorious in its bright increase  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way

Refrain

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest Finding as He promised Perfect peace and rest.

2. Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand Never foe can follow, never traitor stand  
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there (Refrain)

3. Every joy or trial falleth from above Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love  
We may trust Him fully all for us to do They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true (Refrain)

**Benediction: Psalm 29:10-11**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; he Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!... so that all the peoples will say...

ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!