

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
April 25, 2021

Liturgist: Brad Voyles | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

Meditation: 2 Samuel 9:9-13

Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

Call To Worship: Psalm 95: 1-7

L: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

ALL: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

L: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

ALL: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

L: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

ALL: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! | 100

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

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.

Testimonies of God's Faithfulness From the Congregation

Song Preparation: Father, I Adore You

Father, I adore you; lay my life before you; how I love you!

Jesus, I adore you; lay my life before you; how I love you!

Spirit, I adore you; lay my life before you; how I love you!

Sermon: "The Case For Love"

Word: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. **4** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. **7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8** Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. **12** For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. **13** So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Paul makes a case in 1 Corinthians 13 that loving others and being loved is our greatest need. What does Paul say in the passage that indicates this reality?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13, focusing on vs. 8-13. List all the reasons Paul gave that we should pursue love as our ultimate goal.
3. Meditate on Paul's statement, "Love never ends." Read the statement in different translations. If you have an interlinear Greek Bible (you can get one on the internet for free!), look at the word "end" in greek and see what it means. Write down what you think the statement means.
4. How does verse 8 help us understand what Paul says in verses 1-7?
5. In verse 11 Paul gives a brilliant metaphor that reveals the character of love. What do we learn about love from this metaphor?
6. Jonathan Edwards, as a title to one of his sermons, said, "Heaven is a world of love." Describe heaven based on what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13.
7. How will you, through the power of the Holy Spirit, pursue love in your home and in your community this week? What practical steps will you take to love others well?

The Gathering of Offering and the Sending Hymn: Blessed Assurance | 693

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Refrain)*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *(Refrain)*

Benediction: 2 Peter 1:2-3

L: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence... *so that all the peoples will say...*

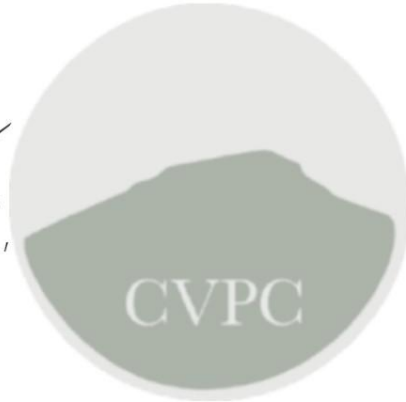
ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!

Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
Community

Please join us in wishing a Happy Birthday to the following CVPC family:

Claire Collins | April 18

Andy Burnette | April 22

Isaiah Hansen & Joash Williams | April 26

Abram & Zev Wallick | April 27

Karen Collins & Sam Humbles | April 28

We would also like to wish a Happy Anniversary (April 18) to Chris & Jodi Gregory!

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