

**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**May 23, 2021**

**Liturgist: David Marr | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch**

**Meditation: Numbers 24:1-7**

When Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not go, as at other times, to look for omens, but set his face toward the wilderness. And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe. And the Spirit of God came upon him, and he took up his discourse and said, "The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eye is opened, the oracle of him who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down with his eyes uncovered: How lovely are your tents, O Jacob, your encampments, O Israel! Like palm groves that stretch afar, like gardens beside a river, like aloes that the Lord has planted, like cedar trees beside the waters. Water shall flow from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters; his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted."

**Call To Worship: Psalm 84:1-4**

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;

**ALL: my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

**ALL: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

L: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,

**ALL: they ever sing your praise!**

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn: To God Be the Glory | 55**

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus' forgiveness receives. (*Refrain*)

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

**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, forever. Amen.

## **Mission Update from Evan Jones**

### **Song Preparation: Behold Our God**

1. Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice; all creation rises to rejoice.

*Refrain:* Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come, let us adore him.  
Behold our king, nothing can compare. Come, let us adore him.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach, the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? (*Refrain*)

3. Who has felt the nails upon his hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man.  
God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign. (*Refrain*)

*Bridge:* You will reign forever! *Let your glory fill the earth!* (6x then *Refrain* twice)

### **Sermon: “Free your mind, and the rest will follow!”**

#### **Word: Philippians 4:8-9**

**8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

#### **Questions for Reflection**

1. Reread chapter 2:1-11 and then read chapter 4:1-9. What is the connection between the mindset of humility and the list of virtues Paul gives in Phil. 4:8?
2. Scholars indicate that Paul's encouragement in Phil. 4:8 was also given by secular philosophers. Does this mean that both non-Christians and Christians can think in this way? If yes, how? If not, why?
3. Read Phil. 4:4-7. How does it relate to Phil. 4:8-9?
4. Paul says in 4:9 that he models this mindset. Do you model this mindset?
5. Phil. 4:8 is a mirror for our thought life. Take a moment to examine your thought life. What areas of your thought life match up or don't match up to this list?

**The Gathering of Tithes and The Sending Hymn: Hallelujah! Thine the Glory | 179**

1. We praise thee, O God! For the days of our youth,  
for the bright lamp that shineth—the Word of thy truth.

*Refrain:* Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah, we sing;  
hallelujah! Thine the glory, our praise now we bring.

2. We praise thee, O God! For the Son of thy love,  
for Jesus who died and is now gone above. *(Refrain)*

3. We praise thee, O God! For thy Spirit of light,  
who has shown us our Saviour and scattered our night. *(Refrain)*

4. All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev'ry stain! *(Refrain)*

**Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. . . *so that all the peoples will say...*

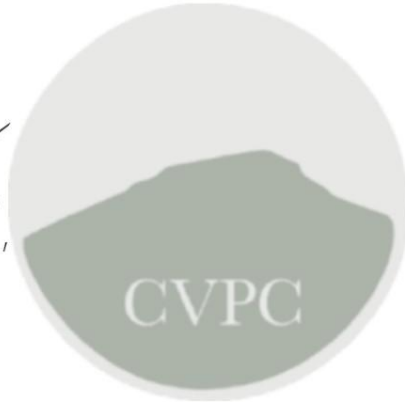
**ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!**

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To see lives transformed  
through following Jesus.

## Mission

Making disciples  
through worship,  
fellowship &  
service.



## Values

Worship,  
Word,  
Compassion &  
Community

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Bobby Vines | May 26

Grady Collins | May 27

Jodi Gregory | May 29

Julian Esther Jones | May 30

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