

**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**May 30, 2021**

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

**Meditation: Revelation 4:1-8**

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

**Testimony of God's Grace in Community**

**Call To Worship: Revelations 4: 9-11**

L: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

**ALL: the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.**

L: They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

**ALL: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."**

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 53**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

## **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.

## **Recognition of High School Graduates**

### **Song of Preparation: 10,000 Reasons**

*Refrain:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. (*Refrain*)
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (*Refrain*)
3. And on that day when my strength is failing the end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore. (*Refrain 2x*)

## **Sermon: "Awe"**

### **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. Things that are honorable are said to be things that inspire awe/wonder or worship. What does it mean to be in awe of something?
2. How did God cultivate a sense of awe within the Israelite in the OT? What was the ultimate object of their awe?
3. What would be some of the barriers to our sense of awe or beauty in our day?
4. The Philippians lived in a context filled with idols; how would their sense of wonder and awe toward God be challenged?
5. Why is it that children seem to naturally have a sense of wonder, curiosity and awe, while adults by and large do not?
6. What captures your imagination and leaves you with a sense of genuine awe and wonder?

7. In his book on awe, Paul Tripp mentions that human beings were created for awe and wonder, but we no longer have a healthy sense of it. How do you think we can get it back? Does anything in the surrounding context of Philippians 4:8-9 point us there?

### **The Gathering of Tithes & The Sending Hymn: The Ends of All The Earth Shall Hear | 368**

1. The ends of all the earth shall hear and turn unto the Lord in fear;  
all kindreds of the earth shall own and worship him as God alone.

*Refrain:* All earth to him her homage brings, the Lord of lords, the King of kings.

2. For his the kingdom, his of right, he rules the nations by his might;  
all earth to him her homage brings, the Lord of lords, the King of kings. (*Refrain*)

3. Both rich and poor, both bond and free, shall worship him on bended knee,  
and children's children shall proclaim the glorious honor of his name. (*Refrain*)

4. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye  
heav'nly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (*Refrain*)

### **Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21**

May the God of peace, 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 the peoples will say...*

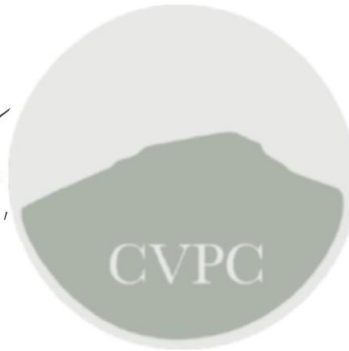
**ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!**

# Vision

To see lives transformed  
through following Jesus.

## Mission

Making disciples  
through worship,  
fellowship &  
service.



## Values

Worship,  
Word,  
Compassion &  
Community

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Grady Collins | May 27  
Jodi Gregory | May 29  
Julian Esther Jones | May 30  
Sam Dueitt & Brad Voyles | June 2  
Lisa Benefield Vines | June 3  
Steve Davenport & Dennis Louis | June 4  
Samuel Staven Jessica Hansen | June 6

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