

**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
**June 13, 2021**

**Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Joe Staven**

**Meditation: Esther 4:13-17**

Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

**Call to Worship: Psalm 46:1-7**

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**ALL: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**ALL: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;**

L: God will help her when morning dawns.

**ALL: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**ALL: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing | 457**

1. Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God:  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let thy grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

## **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.

## **Testimony From a CVPC Family**

### **Song of Preparation: There is a Redeemer**

1. There is a redeemer Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain:* Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done.

2. Jesus, my redeemer, name above all names;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *(Refrain)*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
and there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *(Refrain)*

## **Sermon: "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"**

### **Word: Phillippians 4:8 & Luke 15:1-2, 11-32**

**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.

#### **Luke 15:1-2, 11-32**

**1** Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

**11** And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. **12** And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. **13** Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. **14** And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. **16** And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. **17** But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! **18** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" **20** And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. **21** And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." **22** But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. **23** And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. **24** For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he

was lost, and is found.” And they began to celebrate. **25** Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. **27** And he said to him, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.” **28** But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, **29** but he answered his father, “Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!” **31** And he said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32** It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.”

### **Questions for Reflection:**

1. In the parable of the prodigal son, both the younger brother and the older brother manifest signs of an impure heart. How did the young brother show his impurity? How did the older brother show his impurity?
2. Who does the young brother represent? Give reasons for your answer.
3. Who does the older brother represent? Give reasons for your answer.
4. How is the purity of the Father's heart seen in the story?
5. How does Jesus redefine who is pure and who is not in the story of the prodigal son?
6. Who was made clean (forgiven of their impure actions and heart) in the story - the younger or older brother? How?
7. What can we learn from the actions of the younger brother that we can apply to our daily lives?

### **The Offertory & Sending Hymn: Nothing But the Blood of Jesus | 307**

1. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
what can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Refrain:* O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my cleansing this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
for my pardon this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)
3. Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)
4. This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
this is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)
5. Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)


**Benediction: Jude 1:24-25**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever... *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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Kelly Henry | June 9

Elijah Sterkel | June 10

Liz Topping | June 12

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