



## CHATTANOOGA VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Vision:** To see lives transformed through following Jesus

**Mission:** Making disciples through worship, fellowship & service

**Values:** Worship, word, compassion & community

### **Order of Worship | October 9, 2022**

**Liturgist: Brad Voyles | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis**

**Worship Leader: Scott Finch**

#### **Praise Gathering**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen! Amen!

#### **Invocation**

L: Loving Father, we thank you for drawing us together in this place by the power of your Holy Spirit. Your willingness to send your Son to die in our place gives us ample reason for praise and yet we find ourselves with many other things on our minds and our hearts. Please help us in this hour to pause and focus our attention on your Word so that we see you all the more clearly. Empower us to worship you well, to confess our needs and to give you the thanks you rightfully deserve. We ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### **Welcome and Greeting**

#### **Meditation: 1 Peter 1:3-9 | Reader: Paulette Davis**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 3**

L: O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God."

**ALL: But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill.**

L: I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

**ALL: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.**

L: Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

**ALL: Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!**

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **Song of the Month: O Father, You are Sovereign | 75**

1. O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made; your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore, sets stars within their courses and stills the tempests' roar.

2. O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man; no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space, you hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

3. O Father, you are sovereign the Lord of human pain, transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain. All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqueror could, your love pursues its purpose —our souls' eternal good.

4. O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now, but soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew: our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

### **Prayer of Adoration & 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.

### **Public Reception of New Members: Peter & Diana Townes**

**Song of Preparation: Bless the Lord, O My Soul (See page 7.)**

**Sermon: “Esther - Counter Intuitive Wonders: The Hidden King”**

**Word: Esther 1**

**Song of Response: Behold Our God (See page 8.)**

**Prayers of the People**

**Doxological Hymn: The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear (Doxology)| 368  
(final stanza with amen)**

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. All Earth to Him, her homage brings. The Lord of Lords; The King of Kings. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve**

**Sending Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him | 173**

1. Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him! hail him! highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name! Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long:

Refrain: Praise him! praise him! tell of his excellent greatness; praise him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!

2. Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! For our sins he suffered and bled and died; he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail him! hail him! Jesus the Crucified. Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows, love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong: [Refrain]

3. Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring! Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever; crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King! Christ is coming! over the world victorious, pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong: [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. Amen... so that all the peoples will say...

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

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**Questions for Reflection: Esther 1:1-22 (If you can, read or listen to the entire book.)**

1. A major feature of Esther is that God, along with prayer and religious feast, is not mentioned in the book. Yet, God's providential work is seen throughout the book. What does the word providence mean? Read Rom. 8:28-35, Psalm 23:1-5, Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 11, WLC Question 18, WCF Chapter 5:1.

2. Contrast the actions of King Ahasuerus, specifically in Chapter 1, with the actions of King Jesus (as he is seen in the gospels). What 2-3 differences do you find to be the most striking?

3. In what ways do we see God using the impulsiveness of King Ahasuerus for his own glory? In what ways have you seen God work through your sinful desires?

## Today at CVPC

The **Louis Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.  
**No Youth Group: Fall Break**

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

Andrew Leavengood | October 10

Aidan Kennedy & Lou Schimpf | October 13

Maddy Louis | October 15

**Kid's Corner:** In preparation for our Children's Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 11, we will resume Kid's Corner on Sunday, October 16 to December 4 from 5-6pm in the Morse Classroom (no meetings on 11/20 and 11/27). Children K-5th Grade are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Younger children may come if accompanied by a parent. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Finch.

**Lost & Found:** Are you missing any items? Please check the lost & found down in the gym. Any items left will be donated to Goodwill after October 23.

**Service Opportunities Fellowship Lunch:** We encourage all new members, college students, and visiting families to attend a lunch immediately following the worship service on Sunday, October 23, to learn about ways to serve the body at CVPC. Please bring a dish to share.

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**Visitors, we invite you to connect with us!**

Please visit our Congregational Church website for directory access and other helpful information at [cvpc.churchtrac.com](http://cvpc.churchtrac.com).

**Trunk or Treat:** We are excited to partner with CVE to feed the community during their Trunk or Treat event on **Thursday, October 27 from 5:30-7:30pm**. Below are donation and volunteer opportunities. Please sign-up to volunteer in the foyer. Contact Laura Dueitt with questions.

- Candy & chip bag donations
- Host a trunk
- Help with setting-up
- Help with serving and greeting

**Food Pantry Needs:** CVPC's Food Pantry stock is getting low and we need your help! Our food pantry stocks shelf-stable foods for distribution for those in immediate need. If you wish to help, please drop off food at the church office during office hours, or in the box located in the foyer. We could use the following items: spaghetti sauce and pasta, evaporated or powdered milk, peanut butter, jelly, soups, ramen noodles, cereal, salt, pepper, tuna, macaroni & cheese.

## Coming Up at CVPC

	<b>October 10-16</b>	<b>October 17-23</b>
<b>Monday</b>	3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved	3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Boy's Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	5PM: Women's' Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin GG 6PM: Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5PM: Women's' Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin GG 6PM: Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Louis GG 6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time
<b>Thursday</b>		6PM: Kennedy GG 6PM: Trail Life 6PM: Marr GG
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	7AM: Men's Bible Study 5:30PM: Youth: Oktoberfest 7PM: Women's Bible Study	7AM: Men's Bible Study 7PM: Women's Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Youth Group 5:30 PM: Kid's Corner	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 12PM: Service Opportunities Lunch 5PM: Youth Group 5:30 PM: Kid's Corner
<b>Elder on Call</b>	scottkennedy@chattvalleypca.com	
<b>Deacon On Call</b>	samtownes@chattvalleypca.com	
<b>Overflow</b>	Kennedy	Leavengood/Collins
<b>Greeters</b>	Buchanan Family	Burnette Family
<b>Youth</b>	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
<b>Nursery: SS</b>	Theresa Louis	Jen Finch
<b>Nursery: Worship</b>	Ashley Townes, Tobin Smith, & Linda Schimpf	Charlotte Thomas, Scott Kennedy, & Oliver Kennedy

# BB 10...000 Reasons - Bless the Lord O My Soul

First chorus acapella; final chorus twice with acapella ending

J. Myrin & M. Redman arr. Finch

D G D A/C# Bm G D

Bless the LORD, O my soul, O my soul; wor-ship His ho - ly name.

5 A(sus4) A G Bm G A Bm G A Bm

— Sing like ne-ver be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name, — I'll

10 G A D(sus4) D(add2) D G D

wor-ship Your ho - ly name. \_\_\_\_\_

1. The sun comes up, it's a
2. You're rich in love and You're
3. And on that day, when my

14 A Bm G D A Bm

new day dawn-ing it's time to sing Your song — a - gain. What  
 slow to an - ger, You're name is great and Your heart is kind. For  
 strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come; ..

17 G D A Bm

ev - er may — pass, — and what - ev - er lies be - fore — me,  
 all — Your — good-ness I will keep — on — sing - ing.  
 still, — my — soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing.

20 G Bm D/A A D(sus4) D(add2) D

let me be sing - ing when the eve-ning comes. \_\_\_\_\_ Bless the...  
 ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ten thou-sand years, and then for - ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_ (Repeat to Chorus)

# BB 001 Behold Our God

J, M, & R. Baird & S. Altrogge arr. S.Finch

C Em C Em C Em

Introduction & Interlude

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
2. Who has given counsel to the LORD?
3. Who has felt the nails upon His hand?

7 C Em C Em

Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
 Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
 Bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave,

11 C Em G(sus4) G C G/B Am F

All creation rises to rejoice. Behold our God seated on His throne.  
 Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?  
 Jesus, Savior risen now to Reign!

Chorus

16 C G C G/B Am F C

Come, let us adore Him. Behold our king nothing can compare come, let us adore

1st & 2nd Back to Interlude; Third Time to the Bridge & Then Repeat Chorus

21 G C

Him!

Men 6x

1. You

Will

Women

24 Let Your Glo - ry Fill the Earth! Let Your

Reign For - e - ver!\_

2. You Will Reign For -