



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 23, 2022

Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis

Worship Leader: Joe Staven

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: Our glorious Father of lights, you are the One who laid the foundations of this world. Even before time began you elected to save us by your grace through the suffering and death of your only begotten Son. We are humbled to be here and are eager to hear from your eternal throne through your Word and by the power of your Holy Spirit. We are rich because of your generosity. We are free because we are your subjects. We have no reason to fear because you sovereignly rule over all things. So here we are again asking for your mercy and the strength to worship you in spirit and in truth. We pray for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: Matthew 7:21-29 | Reader: Kelly Henry

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?" And then will I declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness." Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it. And when

Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Call to Worship: Psalm 18:46-50

L: The Lord lives and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation—the God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me,

ALL: who rescued me from my enemies; yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from the man of violence.

L: For this, I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name.

ALL: Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

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.

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and of the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Preparation: Before the Throne of God Above (See page 7.)

Sermon: "Mysterious Providence"

Word: Esther 2:1-18

Song of Response: On Jordan's Stormy Banks (See page 8.)

Prayers of the People

Doxological Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy | 100 (final stanza with amen)

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.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

Sending Hymn: How Firm a Foundation | 94

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4. When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5. E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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!

Questions for Reflection: Esther 2:1-18

1. Some people refer to God's providence as mysterious. What do you think is meant by mysterious providence? Give some examples of God's mysterious providence in Esther 2:1-18.

2. It is said that Esther obtained favor and grace in the eyes of the royal court (Esther 2:9, 15, and 17). How should we understand the royal court's expression of favor and grace in this context in light of God's favor and grace toward Esther?

3. How have you seen God's mysterious providence at work in your life? In what ways have you seen God's favor and grace extended toward you in the last three months?

Today at CVPC

The **Leavengood/Collins Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.

Service Opportunities Lunch following worship.

The **Youth Group** will meet at 5pm.

Kid's Corner will meet at 5pm in the Morse Classroom.

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

Joe Moore | October 23

Daniel Sterkel | October 26

Jim Richter | October 27

Danida Dukes | October 28

Anne Marr | October 29

Food Pantry Needs: CVPC's Food Pantry needs spaghetti sauce and pasta, evaporated or powdered milk, peanut butter, jelly, soups, ramen noodles, cereal, salt, pepper, tuna, and macaroni & cheese. Please drop off items at the church office or in the box located in the foyer.

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.** Please sign-up in the foyer for the various needs.

The Mission Committee invites everyone to participate in a **Fall Festival with the residents of Villa Way** on Saturday, October 29 at 5:30pm. We will have a baked potato bar and play bingo together! There's a sign-up sheet in the foyer to help provide food. Contact Alice Sikkema or Gareth Jones with any questions.

Church Work Day: The Diaconate invites everyone to come out for a Church Work Day on Saturday, November 5, from 8am-12pm. Additional details to follow.

Upcoming at CVPC

	October 24-30	October 31 – November 6
Monday	3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Girls Bible Study	3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Boys Bible Study
Tuesday	11:30AM: Prime Timers Fall Adventure	
Wednesday	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	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
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Friday		
Saturday	7AM: Men’s Bible Study 5:30PM: Villa Way Fall Festival 7PM: Women’s Bible Study	7AM: Men’s Bible Study 8AM: CVPC Work Day 10AM: Food Network (off-campus) 7PM: Women’s Bible Study
Sunday	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Youth Group 5PM: Kid’s Corner	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Youth Group 5PM: Kid’s Corner
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Greeters	Carrillo Family	Chaplin Family
Youth	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
Nursery: SS	Lucie Chaplin & Kelli Voyles	Jemima Ragland & Amy Sterkel
Nursery: Worship	Jen Finch, David Marr, & Halee Cowan	Lauren Williamson, Paula Lynch, & Audrey Townes

BB 013 Before The Throne of God Above

V.Cook/arr. S.Finch

D D G D D F#m

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea: a great High
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
 3. Be - hold him there the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous ness, the great un

6 G A Bm Bm/A G G/A D G

Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
 look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
 change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glor - y and of Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not

11 D G D/F# G A Bm G D/F# A

hands. My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He
 died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is -
 die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on

15 Bm Bm/A Em/G G/A Bm D/A Em/G G/A D

stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 fied to look on him and par - don me; to look on him and poar - don me.
 high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

BB52 On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

C. Miner/arr. Finch

E(add2) A(add2) E E

1. On Jor-dan's stor - my banks I stand, And cast a wish - ful
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines one e - ter - nal
 3. No chill ing winds nor pois onous breath, Can reach that health ful
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And be for ev - er

5 B(sus4) B E(add2) A(add2) E E B(sus4) B

eye, To Canaan's fair and hap - py land. Where my po - sses sions
 day, There God, the Son for - ev - er reigns. And scat ters night a -
 shore. Nor sick ness, sor - row, pain and death, Are felt and feared no
 blessed When shall I see my Fa ther's face, And in his bos - om

9 1. E(add2) 2. E(add2) (Women) I am bound I am bound
 lie - - way. (Men) I am bound, I am bound, I am
 more.
 rest.

13 A B E (Women) I am bound
 bound for the pro mised land. (Men) I am bound, I am

16 B I am bound A B E E(add2) E(add2) E
 bound, I am bound for the pro-mised land.