

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 | March 12, 2023 Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: 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; a world without end. Amen! Amen!

#### Invocation

Almighty and merciful Father, we come before you in desperate need of your grace in our lives. The past week has brought us to our knees. Make us more reliant on your Son, Christ Jesus so that we may see him more clearly in this hour. Make us to heed his shepherding voice and follow in his paths of righteousness. This can only happen if your Holy Spirit is pleased to move in our hearts and minds. We rely on your goodness to us in Jesus' name. Amen.

# Welcome and Greeting

# Meditation: Job 42:1-6 | Reader: Lilian Hutchinson

Then Job answered the Lord and said: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

# Call to Worship: Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

ALL: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

# ALL: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

#### ALL: Thanks be to God.

# Song of Adoration: 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 tempest's 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 Members: Daniel Bowles and Josiah Hansen

Song of the Month: O God, How Good Thou Art (See page 7.)

# Sermon: "The Problem With Religion" | Word: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Song of the Response: In the Fields of the Lord | (See page 8.)

#### **Prayers of the People**

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

4. Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen!

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

#### Sending Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd | 86

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. He leadeth me, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake; within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill, for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me: and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be; and in God's house forever my dwelling place shall be.

#### Benediction: Psalm 121:7-8

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil: he shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore... so that all the peoples will say...

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

#### **Questions for Reflection: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**

1. Why is it important to be careful with our "many words" (5:3)? Where else in the Bible do we find such warnings?

2. In the time of Ecclesiastes, a vow was an oath sworn by a worshiper to perform a specific act in return for a favorable response from God. What examples in the Old Testament do you find of individuals making vows? Why might the Preacher make the recommendations of 5:4–6 to those making vows?

3. What is the difference between true Christianity and false religion?

# Today at CVPC

The **Finch/Marr Growth Group** is in Overflow this week. **Y'all Come Potluck Luncheon** following the worship service. The **Youth Group** will meet at 5:00 pm.

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

Kathryn Leavengood | March 16 Joe Staven and Lena Collins | March 17 Patty Tate | March 18 Isaiah Staven and Barb Michal | March 19

#### Installation Service & Luncheon:

Please join us Sunday, <u>March 26 during</u> <u>morning worship</u> for the Installation of Rev. Roger Collins as Associate Pastor. A celebratory luncheon will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up to help set-up, clean-up, and provide sides for the meal.

**Pray for Me Fellowship:** Please plan to meet with your prayer partner in the Gym on <u>Sunday, March 26 at 6:00 pm</u> for a time to connect.

#### Save the Date | Mission Conference:

Mark your calendars for this year's Mission Conference scheduled for <u>April 29-30, 2023!</u>

#### Visitors, we invite you to connect with CVPC!

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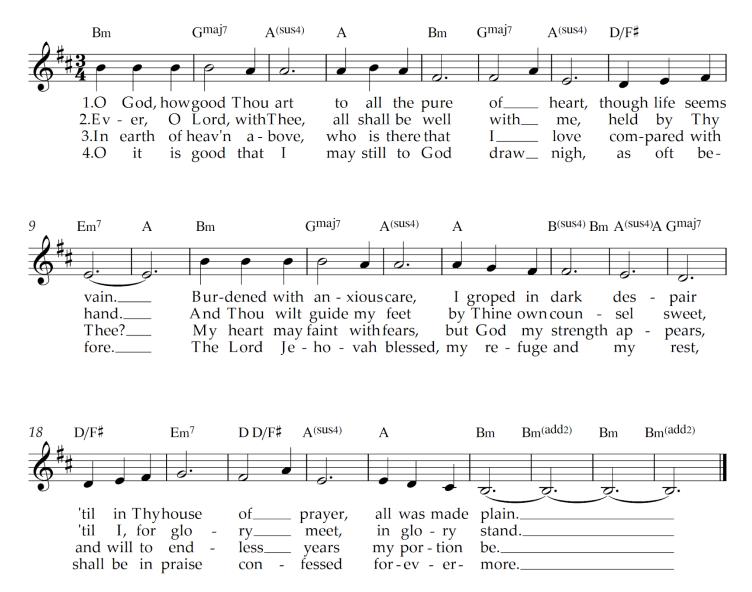


# Upcoming at CVPC

	March 12-18	March 19–25
SUNDAY:	9:00 am   Sunday School	9:00 am   Sunday School
	10:30 am   Worship	10:30 am   Worship
	12:00 pm   Y'all Come Luncheon	12:00 pm   Prayer Time
	5:00 pm   Youth Group	5:00 pm   Youth Group
MONDAY:	3:00 pm   Monday Music	3:00 pm   Monday Music
	4:30 pm   Manse Reserved	4:30 pm   Manse Reserved
	7:00 pm   Women's Bible Study	7:00 pm   Women's Bible Study
	8:00 pm   Session Checkpoint	
TUESDAY:		6:00 pm   Session Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am   Women's Bible Study	10:00 am   Women's Bible Study
	5:00 pm   Women's Bible Study	5:00 pm   Women's Bible Study
	5:30 pm   Chaplin/S/W GG	5:30 pm   Chaplin/S/W GG
	6:00 pm   Louis GG	6:00 pm   Louis GG
	6:00 pm   Voyles/Townes GG	6:00 pm   Voyles/Townes GG
	6:00 pm   Young Adult Fellowship	6:00 pm   Young Adult Fellowship
THURSDAY	6:00 pm   Marr GG	6:00 pm   Kennedy GG
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FRIDAY		
SATURDAY:	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study	7:00 am  Men's Bible Study
	8:00 am   Serving Saints	10:00 am   Food Network
	8:00 am   Leadership Meetings	
	5:00 pm   Finch GG	
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Overflow/Gym	Finch & Marr GG	Chaplin GG
Greeters	Weisheit Family	Lynda Henry and the Buchanan
		Family
Youth Group	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
-	Jemima Ragland, Kelli Voyles	Lucie Chaplin, Lynda Henry
Sunday School		
Nursery:	Lou Schimpf, Vicki Granberry, and	Joe Moore, April Bruce, and Allie
-	Marie Fennema	Finch

# BB55 O God, How Good Thou Art (Psalm 73)

G.Wilbur/arr. Staven/Finch



# BB 050 In the Fields of the LORD

arr. Finch/Staven

