



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 | April 16, 2023

Liturgist: Roger Collins | 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

Our Father, we pause from the hurried nature of our lives to focus on your work on earth as it is in heaven. We need your help in this hour to praise you aright. You have given us Jesus as our intercessor and your Holy Spirit as our advocate so that your holy presence may dwell in us. Please grant us your favor today and bring blessing to this house. Enable us to be attentive to your Word as it is prayed, read, preached, and sung so that we may have renewed hope. Thank you that we get to be part of your gathered people from around the globe and across time. We love you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: Hebrews 6:1-12 | Reader: Paula Lynch

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits. For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned. Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. For God is not unjust so as to overlook

your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Call to Worship: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

L: My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.

ALL: There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

L: Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength.

ALL: Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

L: The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

ALL: He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven.

L: The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;

ALL: He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Song of Adoration: Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art | 168

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Song continued on the next page.

3. Thou art the Life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive; O comfort us in death's approaching hour, strong-hearted then to face it by thy power.

4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness hast thou and no bitterness: make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

5. Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free; O grant to us such stronger hope and sure that we can boldly conquer and endure.

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 Sin & Assurance of Pardon:

ALL: O God, we confess that we are only worthy of condemnation and eternal punishment. We were your enemies, but you chose to rescue us in Christ who pleads for us even now. Please forgive us for squandering the good gifts you have given us. Help us to turn away from the idols of our heart and cling to you by faith.

A time of silent confession.

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Song of Preparation: Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul (See page 7.)

Sermon: "Getting The Point" | Word: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Song of the Response: 10,000 Reasons (See page 8.)

Sacrament of Communion

Doxological Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King | 101 (final stanza with Amen)

4. To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be, hence, evermore; Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, And to eternity love and adore! Amen!

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

Song of the Month: Not What My Hands Have Done | 461

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul; not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

2. Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within. Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord to thee, can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

3. Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak; thy power alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break. No other work, save thine, no other blood will do; no strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine; and with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine. This cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb each thought of unbelief and fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light. Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives; I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

Benediction: Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit... so that all the peoples will say...

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

Questions for Reflection: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

1. Read Psalm 80:1; Ezekiel 34:23; and John 10:11, 16. Who is the “one Shepherd” referred to here?
2. According to Ecclesiastes 12:13–14, what is the Preacher’s ultimate conclusion, and how does it fit with what has been said previously? What is the inevitable result of true faith?

Today at CVPC

The **Voyles/Townes Growth Group** is in Overflow this week. Join us for a **Post-Service Prayer Time** following the service in the Manse. The **Youth Group** will meet at 5:00 pm in the Gym.

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

Claire Collins | April 18
April Bruce | April 21
Andy Burnette | April 22

Mission Conference Schedule:

- Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 pm | International Dinner followed by a presentation by Lee Leadbetter from RUF International, UTK
- Sunday, April 30 | Combined Sunday School led by Lee Leadbetter with George Granberry from ELI preaching during the worship service

Save the Date | VBS: Join us and welcome the community for our Vacation Bible School on June 26-30, 2023! If you would like to help out or register to attend, please visit the church website at chattvalleypca.com/vbs or sign up in the church foyer.

Visitors, we invite you to connect with CVPC!

Scan this code with your phone’s camera. Or visit the website at chattvalleypca.com. Feel free to email the elder or deacon on duty or the church secretary at secretary@chattvalleypca.com.



Connect by texting Pastor Collins your name. His number is (601) 317-3041.

Upcoming at CVPC

	April 16-22	April 23-29
SUNDAY:	9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Prayer Time 5:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Collins/Leavengood GG	9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Y'all Come Luncheon 5:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Collins/Leavengood GG
MONDAY:	3:30 pm Monday Music 4:30pm Manse Reserved 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	3:30 pm Monday Music 4:30pm Manse Reserved
TUESDAY:	6:00 pm Session Meeting	7:00 pm CE Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Chaplin/S/W GG 6:00 pm Louis GG 6:00 pm Voyles/Townes GG 6:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship	10:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Chaplin/S/W GG 6:00 pm Louis GG 6:00 pm Voyles/Townes GG 6:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship
THURSDAY	6:00 pm Kennedy GG	6:00 pm Marr GG 6:00 pm Kennedy GG
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY:	7:00 am Men's Bible Study	7:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Food Network (CV Naz) 5:00 pm Finch Growth Group
Elder On Call	pastorroger@chattvalleypca.com	
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Overflow/Gym	Voyles/Townes GG	Finch & Marr GG
Greeters	The Carrillo Family	The Thad Townes Family
Youth Group	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
Nursery: Sunday School	Theresa Louis, Gerald Collins	Jemima Ragland, Kelli Voyles
Nursery: Worship	Barb Michal, Charlotte Thomas, & Lexi Jones	Ashley Townes, Scott Kennedy, & Oliver Kennedy

BB 012 Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

A.Steele/K.Twit/arr. S.Finch

E \flat (add2) Fm⁷ Gm⁷ A \flat (add2) Fm⁷ B \flat (sus4)

1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, _____ On Thee when sor - rows
 2. But oh! When gloo-my doubts pre - vail, _____ I fear to call Thee
 3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, _____ And shall I seek in
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, _____ Here let my soul re -

6 E \flat (add2) E \flat E \flat (add2) Fm⁷ Gm⁷ A \flat (add2) Fm⁷ B \flat (sus4) E \flat (add2) E \flat

rise On Thee when waves of trou - ble roll, _____ My fain - ting hope re - lies To
 mine The springs of com-fort seem to fail, _____ And all my hopes de - cline Yet
 vain? And can the ear of sov-ereign grace, _____ Be deaf when I com-plain? No
 treat With hum-ble hope at-tend Thy will, _____ And wait be-neath Thy feet Thy

12 B \flat E \flat Fm⁷ Cm A \flat B \flat Fm B \flat

Thee I tell each ris - ing grief, _____ For Thou a - lone canst heal _____ Thy
 gra-cious God where shall I flee? _____ Thou art my on - ly trust _____ And
 still the ear of sov' reign grace, _____ At - tends the mour-ner's pray'r _____ Oh
 mer - cy seat is o - pen still, _____ Here let my soul re - treat _____ With

18 E \flat (add2) Fm⁷ Gm⁷ A \flat (add2) Fm⁷ B \flat E \flat (add2)

Word can bring a sweet re - lief, _____ For ev' - ry pain I _____ feel.
 still my soul would cleave to Thee, _____ Though pro-strate in the _____ dust.
 may I ev - er find a place _____ To breathe my sor - rows there.
 hum-ble hope at - tend Thy will, _____ And wait be-neath Thy feet.

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)