

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 | July 30, 2023 Liturgist: Scott Kennedy | 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; world without end. Amen! Amen!

#### \*Invocation

Gracious Father and eternal King, we humbly bow before your throne and ask for your blessing in this hour. We need your wisdom because this world competes with your rule in our lives. Tear down the idols of our hearts so that our understanding may be in line with your ways. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause us to honor you as we ought. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Welcome and Greeting

#### Meditation: 2 Peter 3:8-13 | Reader: Kelli Voyles

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand as you are able.

#### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-10

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

## ALL: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

L: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

## ALL: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

L: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

# ALL: Which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

L: This is the Word of the Lord! ALL: Thanks be to God!

#### \*Song of Adoration: O God, Our Help in Ages Past | 30

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are carried downward by your flood, and lost in following years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

#### Prayer of Adoration & The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

#### **Moment for Missions**

\*Song of the Month: How Deep the Father's Love for Us (See page 7.)

Sermon: "Suffering With Grace" | Word: Romans 8:17-25

\*Song of Response: O Give Thanks to the Lord-Psalm 107 (See page 8.)

**Financial Updates & Prayers of the People** 

# \*Doxological Hymn: The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear (Doxology with Amen) | 368

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. All earth to Him her homage brings. The Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. Amen!

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

#### \*Sending Hymn: Be Still My Soul | 689

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change, he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then shall you better know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay from his own fullness all he takes away.

(Song continued on the next page.)

4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

#### \*Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace... so that all the peoples will say...

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

#### **Questions for Reflection: Romans 8:17-25**

1. Why does Paul contrast our suffering on earth and glorification (obtaining a new resurrected body in heaven), see Rom. 8:17-18? What does he want us to focus on?

2. In Rom. 8:19-24, Paul spends time talking about the suffering of creation (non-human). Why do you think he spends this much time talking about this?

3. Paul tells us that because of the fall humanity groans (vs. 23), creation groans (vs. 22), and the Holy Spirit groans (vs. 26). What does this indicate about Christ's redemptive work?

#### Today at CVPC

The **Leavengood/Collins Growth Group** is in Overflow this week. **Youth Group** hosted by the Finch Growth Group at the Lynches' (441 Eagle Cliff Drive, Flintstone, GA 30725) from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Please join CVPC in wishing a Happy Birthday to the following: Pippa Topping & Henry Townes | August 1 Martha Staven | August 2

Back to School Prayer Rally: Come pray for the local schools as they prepare to begin a new year. Join us <u>August 1 at</u> <u>7:00 pm</u> at the Middle School. Contact Jodi Gregory with questions.

House to House Fellowship: Everyone is invited to House to House Fellowship next <u>Sunday, August 6</u>, immediately following worship. Please sign-up online or in the church foyer.

**Congratulate Isaiah Hansen** on his upcoming marriage by leaving a card and a small gift for him in the basket in the church foyer.

**Books in the church library:** The church is planning to convert the library into a Sunday School classroom. Please take some books home TODAY!

Walk Together: Women of all ages and paces are invited to walk together from 8:00-9:00 am at the Chattanooga Valley Baptist track on Wednesday mornings.

Baby Shower for Ashley Townes: September 16th, at 10:00 am. Save the Date: Tennessee Valley Presbytery is planning to host the Thinking Biblically, Living Covenantally Women's Conference on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 16 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm</u> at First Presbyterian Church Chattanooga.

Visitors, we invite you to connect with CVPC!

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

Scan this code with your phone's camera or visit the website at <u>chattvalleypca.com</u>.



Feel free to email the church secretary: <u>secretary@chattvalleypca.com</u>.

### Upcoming at CVPC

July 30 – August 5 August 6–12		
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SUNDAY:	9:00 am   Songs and Stories	9:00 am   No Sunday School
	10:30 am   Worship	10:30 am   Worship
	5:00 pm   Youth Group hosted by	12:30 pm   House to House
	the Finch Growth Group	Fellowship
MONDAY:	3:00 pm   Piano Studio	3:00 pm   Piano Studio
	4:30 pm   Manse Meeting	4:30 pm   Manse Reserved
		8:00 pm   Diaconate Meeting
TUESDAY:	7:00 pm   Prayer Rally at CVM	6:30 pm   Staff Meeting
	7:00 pm   WLT Meeting	
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am   Walk Together	8:00 am   Walk Together
		10:30 am   Villa Way Event
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY:	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study
		8:30 am   Serving Saints
		10:00 am   Food Network
		5:00 pm   Finch/Henry Growth
		Group
Elder On Call	scottkennedy@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	garethjones@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	Voyles/Townes Growth Group	Finch & Marr Growth Groups
Greeters	The Kennedy Family	The Wallick Family
Youth Group	Finch Growth Group Host Youth	No Youth Group
Nursery:	Lucie Chaplin, Ashlee Wallick	No Sunday School
Sunday School	_	-
Nursery:	David Marr, Halee Cowan, &	Paula Lynch, Lauren Williamson, &
	Maggie Gregory	Daniel Dukes

#### 007 How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend

Stuart Townend arr. Finch



