



## 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 | August 20, 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; world without end. Amen! Amen!

#### **\*Invocation**

Lord God, the one who has unshakable affection towards us, we are here as a result of your shepherding love given to us through Christ Jesus. If not for Jesus it is difficult to estimate how bent on evil we would be. This past week has proven, once again, that we often trust in our own abilities rather than resting in your sovereign will. Through your Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit, teach us again in this hour who we are in Christ. Strengthen the bonds of love and stir up in us a deeper desire to follow you faithfully. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### **Welcome and Greeting**

#### **Meditation: John 14:18-29 | Reader: Barb Michal**

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you;

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

**\*Call to Worship: Psalm 84:8-12**

L: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

**ALL: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

L: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**ALL: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

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 powers 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 heavenly 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!

**A Moment For Missions: David Stoddard**

## **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon**

L: Blessed Jesus, you offered us all your blessings when you announced “Blessed are the poor in spirit”

**ALL: But we have been rich in pride.**

L: Blessed are those who mourn

**ALL: But we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

L: Blessed are the meek

**ALL: But we are stubborn people.**

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

**ALL: But we are filled with so many other things.**

L: Blessed are the merciful”

**ALL: But we tend to be harsh and impatient.**

L: Blessed are the pure in heart

**ALL: But we often give in to the lusts of this world.**

L: Blessed are the peacemakers

**ALL: But we have not always sought lasting reconciliation.**

L: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness

**ALL: But our lives often are in conformity to the world.**

L: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me

**ALL: But we shy away from boasting in the Lord whether it be privately or publicly.**

L: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us without the merits of Christ. You alone are to be praised because of the great things you have done.

**ALL: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness through the work of your Holy Spirit. (time of silent confession)**

L: Hear these words of assurance and let them settle into your soul. Jesus Christ died for you. You have been made clean and He who began a good work in you will bring it completion. It is a fact and certainly ample reason to rejoice.

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

**Sermon: “Comforting the Doubting Heart” | Word: Romans 8:31-38**

**\*Song of Response: How Great Is Our God (See page 8.)**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**\*Doxological Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King | 115 (final stanza with Amen)**

5. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one. O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen!

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

**\*Sending Hymn: My Jesus I Love Thee | 648**

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death; and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath; and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

4. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**\*Benediction: Romans 15:13**

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

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

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**Questions for Reflection: Romans 8:31-38**

1. Paul asks a total of seven questions in this section to further strengthen our assurance in Christ. What do these questions reveal about the human heart? Do you from time to time doubt the promises of God?

2. This section of Romans reveals the human heart's biggest fear - separation from God (vs.35). Separation from God is written on the hearts of sinful man because of the fall (see Gen. 3:22-24). Have you ever felt separation from God? What comfort does Rom. 8:39 bring in the midst of doubt and fear?

## **Today at CVPC**

The **Louis Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.  
**Youth Group** tonight at 5:00 pm.

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

Bill Tate | August 22

Sean Cauley | August 24

**Move the Collins:** Pastor Collins and his wife Shari, will be moving into their new home on August 23 and 24. If you are able to help with loading, unloading, or cleaning, please call or text Gerald at (423) 421-3253.

**Move the Hills:** Jason and Leona Hill are moving into their new home on Saturday, August 26. If you are able to help, meet at the church at 8:30 am.

**New Members Class:** If you are a new member or interested in learning more about CVPC, join us in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am, beginning August 27, for a seven-week course on what being a member can look like.

**Church Retreat:** Everyone is invited to attend our annual church retreat at Hidden Hollow on Saturday, September 9, from 12:00-7:00 pm.

**Baby Shower for Ashley Townes:** Join us on September 16th at 10:00 am in the Church Gym for a baby shower in honor of Ashley Townes. She is registered on [babylist.com](http://babylist.com)

**Save the Date:** Tennessee Valley Presbytery is planning to host the Thinking Biblically, Living Covenantally Women's Conference on Saturday, September 16 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church Chattanooga.

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

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

Scan the QR code or visit the website at [chattvalleypca.com](http://chattvalleypca.com).



Feel free to email Emily:  
[secretary@chattvalleypca.com](mailto:secretary@chattvalleypca.com).

## Upcoming at CVPC

	<b>August 20-26</b>	<b>August 27 - September 2</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	9:00 am   Sunday School 10:30 am   Worship 5:00 pm   Youth Group	8:00 am   Folk Band 9:00 am   Sunday School 10:30 am   Worship 12:30 pm   Y'all Come Potluck 5:00 pm   Youth Group
<b>MONDAY:</b>	4:30 pm   Manse Reserved 5:30 pm   Monday Night Music	4:30 pm   Manse Reserved 5:30 pm   Monday Night Music
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	7:30 pm   CE Meeting	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00 am   Walk Together 10:30 am   Villa Way Event 6:00 pm   Move the Collins Family	8:00 am   Walk Together
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:00 am   Move the Collins Family	
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study 8:30 am   Move the Hill Family 10:30 am   Food Network 11:00 am   Villa Way Event 5:00 pm   Finch/Henry GG	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study
<b>Elder On Call</b>	albertleavengood@chattvalleypca.com	
<b>Deacon On Call</b>	bobbydueitt@chattvalleypca.com	
<b>Overflow</b>	Louis Growth Group	Kennedy Growth Group
<b>Youth Group</b>	Youth Group in the Church Gym	Youth Group in the Church Gym
<b>Nursery: Sunday School</b>	Lucie Chaplin, Kelli Voyles	Jemima Ragland, Lynda Henry
<b>Nursery: Worship</b>	Lucie Chaplin, Nikki Buchanan, & Lena Collins	Scott Kennedy, Karen Collins, & Roger Collins

### Growth Group Information

Church Growth Groups will be starting back soon. They meet throughout the week on various days to fellowship together and study the Scriptures. A new one will be starting up in Chickamauga, Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm. If you want to visit some Growth Groups, talk to the pastors, elders, or email Emily: [secretary@chattvalleypca.com](mailto:secretary@chattvalleypca.com).

# BB 013 Before The Throne of God Above

V.Cook/arr. S.Finch  
F#m

D D G D D

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

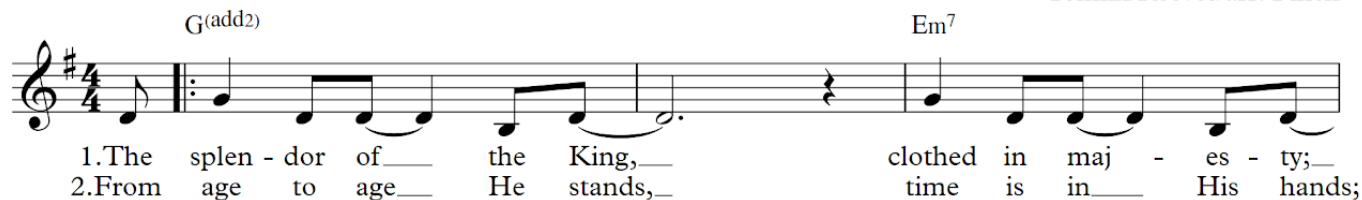
15 Bm Bm/A Em/G G/A Bm D/A Em/G G/A D

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.

# BB 030 How Great Is Our God

Tomlin/Reeves/arr. Finch

G(add2) Em7



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;  
2. From age to age He stands, time is in His hands;

4 C11 D(sus4) D



— Let all the earth re - joice, let all the earth re - joice! He  
— Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The

7 G(add2) Em7



wraps Him - self in light, as Dark - ness tries to hide,  
God - head Three - in - One; The Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son;

10 C11 D(sus4) D (Refrain 2x)



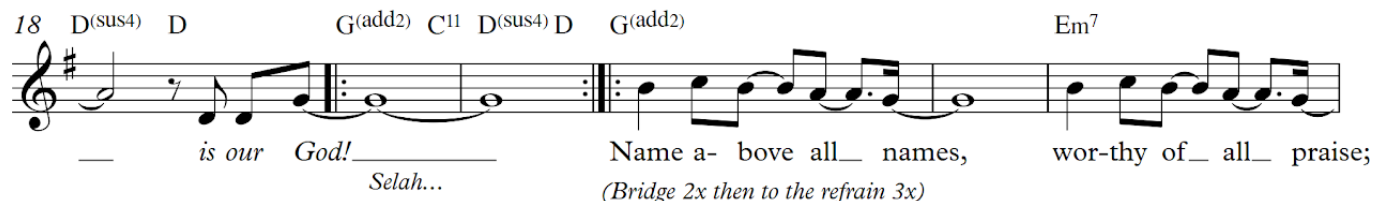
— and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great  
— The Li - on and The Lamb; The Li - on and The Lamb.

13 G(add2) Em7 C11



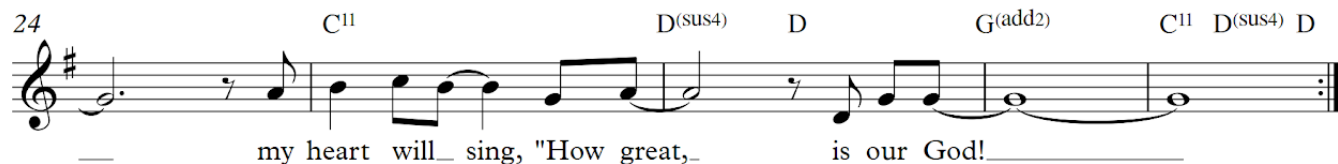
— is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! All will see: How great, how great

18 D(sus4) D G(add2) C11 D(sus4) D G(add2) Em7



— is our God! Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise;  
— Selah... (Bridge 2x then to the refrain 3x)

24 C11 D(sus4) D G(add2) C11 D(sus4) D



— my heart will sing, "How great, is our God!