

**CHATTANOOGA VALLEY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(PCA)**



... to see Chattanooga Valley and the Nations
overwhelmed by the glory of God
and transformed by the grace, mercy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
by the powerful working of the Holy Spirit among His people
for the display of His glory.

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GATHERED IN CHRIST FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to the Life & Worship of the Church

Liturgist: Scott Kennedy

Our Father Prepares Us for Worship

*Reader: Paula Connor
(Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

Ezekiel 37:1-6

Our Father Gathers Us For Worship

And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance....Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

Ezekiel 1:26 & 28b

His People Respond

in Praise

** O Father, You are Sovereign #75*

and Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in 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.

Hymns: *The church has always been marked by its joyful singing. God's people sing to express our love for God and to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive story.*

** Please stand if you are able.*

Our Father Trains Us to Confess God's Truth

Confessing God's Truth

Corporate Confession of Sin based on themes from Matthew

L: O, Christ Jesus, the awesome judge of the universe, we confess that we have not lived as those prepared to meet you face to face.

C: We have felt too tired to bear good fruit. We think ourselves to be too busy to be attentive to your Word. The apathy we have shown about sharing the Good News by word and deed is alarming. Our impatience with those who are closest to us is astounding.

L: We are without excuse.

C: Outside of your mercy and forgiveness we have no hope. Help us first to repent. Give us the strength to view ourselves with sober judgment as we are convicted by your unbreakable truth. We need more grace to be sustained until you take us to glory.

L: Holy Spirit, minister to our broken hearts and apply to us the love of the Father through the person and finished work of Jesus Christ.

(time for silent confession)

L: Christ Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Song of Preparation: **You Came to Us, Dear Jesus (stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6) # 596*

Scripture:

Life-giving faith comes from hearing by faith the Word of our Father through Christ.

Preaching: *God's ordained means to illuminate and shape our lives by the good news of Jesus Christ by the operation of His Holy Spirit*

Our Father Teaches Us

by the Provision of His Word

Matthew 24:1-14

by the Proclamation of His Word

"Warning: Kingdom Coming "

by the Celebration of His Word

** 10,000 Reasons
(see back panel)*

His People Respond in Faith

Communion

with Praise

**Now Thank We All Our God #98*

with Tithes & Offerings of Treasures, Time, and Talent

Opportunities to Connect, Give and Serve

Our Father Sends Us

With Rejoicing

** Come , Ye Thankful People Come #715*

and the Benediction of His Grace

Ezekiel 37:28

My dwelling place shall be with [you], and I will be [your] God, and [you] shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."so that all the peoples will say..

C: Amen, our LORD is faithful, praise the LORD!