

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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The Song of Ascent

God's people sang together as they gathered and together up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Congregation *By Faith*

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

We will stand...

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

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

Psalm 100.1-2

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation**Declaration of Truth: (Unison)**

Psalm 100.3-5

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. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Praise *Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne*

(By Isaac Watts based on Psalm 100)

Before Jehovah's awesome throne,
 All nations bow with sacred joy!
 Know that the Lord is God alone;
 He can create and He destroy.
 His sovereign pow'r without our aid
 Made us of dust and formed us men;
 And when like wandering sheep we strayed,
 He brought us to His fold again. (x2)

We are His people, we His care,
 Our souls, and all our mortal frame;
 What lasting honors shall we raise,
 Almighty Maker, to Your Name?
 We'll crowd Your gates with thankful songs,
 High as the heav'ns our voices raise!
 And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
 Shall fill Your courts with sounding praise. (x2)

Wide as the world is Your command,
 Vast as eternity Your love.
 Firm as a rock Your truth must stand,
 When rolling years shall cease to move.
 Before Jehovah's awesome throne,
 All nations bow with sacred joy!
 High as the heavens our voices raise;
 To fill Your courts with sounding praise. (x2)

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I Stand in Awe

Orchestra

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony *Facing a Task Unfinished*
(Children ages 3 through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

Facing a task unfinished That drives us to our knees-
A need that, undiminished Rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee Hold their unhindered sway-
Where forces that defied Thee Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying For life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying And pass into the night.

Refrain: *We go to all the world*
With kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord!

We bear the torch that flaming Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us, From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us To labor for Thy sake.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Genesis 11:27-12.4a

27 Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. ²⁸ Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰ Now Sarai was barren; she had no child. ³¹ Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³² The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran. Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country¹ and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him...

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

The Day the World Changed (2)

Pastor John

Series: Walking By Faith—Genesis 12-25

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Our Heart, Our Desire

Our heart, our desire is to see our neighbors worship.
Our cry, our prayer, is they sing Your praise to the ends of the earth;
That with one mighty voice
Ev'ry tribe and tongue rejoices.
Our heart, our desire is to see our neighbors worship You.

Our heart, our desire is to see the na-tions worship.
Our cry, our prayer, is to sing Your praise to the ends of the earth;
That with one mighty voice
Ev'ry tribe and tongue rejoices.
Our heart, our desire is to see the na-tions worship You.
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The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for October 11, 2020

- **CMPC Sermon Notes** • Series: *Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25*
- **Message:** *The Day the World Changed (2)*
- **Text:** Genesis 11.27-12.4a

The Miss

- Family background
 - Cf. Acts 7
- Terah
 - Deep roots
 - Sarai's name and Milcah's name
 - Later Ishmael and Esau.
- So close to the Promise
- Christmas is coming...
- Terah died apart from embracing

The Contrast

- Word Curse – 5 times in the bible prior to this
 - 5 promises to bless in these three verses
- “They said to each other” and “Let us”
- “God spoke” and “I will”

The Promise

- Three great crises, response is always a promise
 - The Fall: the Man of Promise
 - The flood: Dwell with Shem
 - The Tower: Blessing of Abraham
- In the midst of judgment, God always proclaims the promise of grace
- Scope: All the peoples of the earth are in view here
- The “Actor”: God.
 - Note: The verb tense is passive
- Abraham is the human agent
- The verse is confident
 - Abraham will become a great nation- inheritance- could not see it
 - *God will make his (Abraham's) name great- influence- intangible*
 - God will personally bless Abraham- insurance- what he will impart to the nations
- Three-fold blessing: so that Abraham will be a blessing to the nations
- Two responses to Abraham
 - Some will bless Abraham and experience God's blessing
 - Some will dishonor/curse Abraham and experience God's cursing

Purpose clause

- And ***(SO THAT)*** all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
 - Not all individuals, but nations- a word sometimes also used for families- see Joshua 7.14

- THIS IS THE GOSPEL! Cf. Galatians 3.8
- “The whole purpose of God was to bless one people so that they might be the channel through which all the nations on the earth might receive a blessing. Israel was to be God’s missionaries to the world- and thereby so are all those who believe the gospel.” --Walter Kaiser

Israel as a light to the nations

- Especially throughout Isaiah 40-49 as God taunts the “nothing” gods
- cf. 42.6 and 49.6 for the Light
- Simeon in Luke 2.32
- Paul in Acts 13.47 and 26.22
- Acts 1.8 and 49.6 “to the ends of the earth”
- They really were supposed to go the nations, demonstrating their faith in God’s promise by their obedience.
- The Great Commission is a Promise
 - As we go to our neighbors
 - Plant churches
 - Reach the nations
- God has a plan! We are not living in a random universe.

So What About Us?

- Trusting God
 - Believe the promises
 - God uses the seed of Abraham to impact the world
 - Must have been mind-boggling for Abraham to have this promise- and this impact
- WNA looking at the book of Acts...
- Jesus told some fisherman and others they are witnesses... to the ends of the earth