

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 18, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Please silence all phones and electronic devices.

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

Call to Worship:

Hebrews 1.2-4

... In these last days (God) has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Declaration of Truth (Unison) *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.

The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.

Our Gifts to God

The Gift of Music

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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

What Grace is Mine

(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul
And from his scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live and in his name be known

Refrain: *So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him*

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me
Beneath his wings my wakened soul may soar
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore

Proclaiming God's Word

Reading of God's Word

Genesis 12.1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country 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, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"The Journey Begins"

Pastor John

Series— *Genesis 12-25- Abraham & Sarah: Walking by Faith*

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: *He leadeth me, he leadeth me; By his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by his hand he leadeth me.*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, When, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

The Benediction



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CMPC Sermon Notes for October 18, 2020

- **Series:** *Abraham & Sarah: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25*
- **Message:** *The Journey Begins*
- **Text:** Genesis 12.1-9

A sure foundation, 1-3

- The call and the promise

Obedience, 4-5

- Active
- Indicates trust
- Never confuse good intentions with obedience

Courageous, 6

- Into Canaan
 - o Abram is different
 - § Worships a different God
 - § Different value system
 - § Worship practices not exploitive nor demeaning
- Courage to resist the world and depend on God
- The multiple gods of today's world

Worship, 7

- Shechem is the geographical center of Canaan
- Promise renewed
- Worships
 - o Altar demonstrates his worship
 - o Was it necessary?
- God's expectations and corporate worship
- Gratitude
- To call on the name of the Lord is to pronounce his name
 - o An internal/external act of adoration
 - o Building the altar is an external act
 - o The external act is significant
- internal... is not enough

Continuous, 8-9

- Abram's pattern
- Journeyed on
- Continuous

So What About Us?

- Hebrews 11.9-10
- The walk of faith never ends
- Strength for the journey