

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 22, 2020

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Prelude

*Please silence all phones and electronic devices  
as we prepare to worship our great God.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Dee Hammond, *Pastor of Missions and Outreach*

### The Song of Ascent

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

### Congregation

*Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."  
(repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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## ADORATION OF GOD

### The Call to Worship:

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be **thankful**. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with **thankfulness** in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving **thanks** to God the Father through him." - Colossians 3.15-17

### Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

#### The Declaration of Truth (responsive):

Psalm 103 (selected verses)

**Leader:** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**All:** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Leader:** The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**All:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

### Hymn of Praise

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew What the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief Hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)*

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing.  
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.  
I'll worship Your holy name. (2x)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending.  
10,000 years and then forever more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul. (I'll worship Your ho-ly name.)

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## **CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE**

### **Mission Moment**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **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**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*(Children ages three through third grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*

Come, ye **thankful** people, come, Raise the song of harvest-home:  
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin:  
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied:  
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown:  
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away;  
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord quickly come, To thy final harvest-home!  
Gather thou, thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified, In thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest-home

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Reading of God's Word**

Genesis 15.1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son<sup>[b]</sup> shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon**

*And Be Thankful*

Pastor John

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

## **OUR RESPONSE**

### **Hymn of Response**

*God of Our Fathers*

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
Be thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay;  
Thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defence;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

### **The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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### CMPC Sermon Notes for November 22, 2020

- **Series:** *Abraham & Sarah: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25*
- **Message:** *And Be Thankful*
- **Text:** Genesis 15:1-6

#### **God's Assurance of His Presence, 15.1**

- God speaks
- God is his protector
- God rewards Abraham
- God IS the reward

#### **God Allows Abraham's Promise, 15.2-3**

- God allows our questions!
- Abraham's question is how
  - Adopt Eliezer?
  - Abraham wants to be responsible... needs an heir
- Abraham I forward-looking

#### **God's Affirmation of His Promise, 15.4-5**

- God's word
- God places the fulfillment of his promise on supernatural ground, 4
- God gives a sign, 5
  - Look- gaze- the stars
  - Constant present reminder

#### **God's Announcement of Abraham's Position, 15.6**

- Most expounded verse in the New Testament (Romans, Galatians, James)
- Make or break verse for eternity: introduces two key realities.
  - Faith
  - Righteousness
- Great question of the ages: how is one right with God?
  - Or, how does a sinner stand before a holy God?
- Faith- believing what God says is true
- Hope is in God's promise, but faith is believing God cf. Romans 4.21
  - Cf. John 8.56 and Galatians 3.8

#### **So What About Us?**

- And be thankful
- Remember Habakkuk, cf. Habakkuk 3.