

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

January 3, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Travis Brown, *Pastor to Youth*

The Song of Ascent

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

Congregation

Another Year is Dawning

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
on earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

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Call to Worship: "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

– Isaiah 43.19-21

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question One

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Gloria Patri

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.

The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God.

Hymn of Praise *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true Son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Commissioning Noah & Karleigh Stephens
Missionaries to Bangkok, Thailand, with *Mission to the World*

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! (2)*

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 33.1-9

Oh, you destroyer, who yourself have not been destroyed, you traitor, whom none has betrayed! When you have ceased to destroy, you will be destroyed; and when you have finished betraying, they will betray you. 2 O Lord, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble. 3 At the tumultuous noise peoples flee; when you lift yourself up, nations are scattered, 4 and your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers; as locusts leap, it is leapt upon. 5 The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, 6 and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure. 7 Behold, their heroes cry in the streets; the envoys of peace weep bitterly. 8 The highways lie waste; the traveler ceases. Covenants are broken; cities are despised; there is no regard for man. 9 The land mourns and languishes; Lebanon is confounded and withers away; Sharon is like a desert, and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Consecration

Pastor John

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *Take My Life, And Let It Be*

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold

Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for January 3, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

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- Welcome to 2021
- Consecration: dedicated to a special purpose

Predicament of an Unstable World (33.1; 7-9)

- Conflict with Assyria is probably in view here (cf. II Kings 18)
- Hezekiah thought he'd solved the problem with a "stimulus package"
- Sennacherib double-crossed Hezekiah
- Deserted highways/Devastated land

Prayer in an Unstable World (33.2)

- Grace
- Wait
- Strength
- Deliverance

Priorities in an Unstable World (33.5-6)

- View of God: Exalted is He!
- View of God's priorities
- "He will be the stability of your times"
- Rich store of:
 - Salvation
 - Wisdom
 - Knowledge
- Treasure
 - Fear of the Lord

So What About Us?

- Consecrated for !