

This Sunday at CMPC...

This Sunday is a special Sunday at CMPC as we ordain and/or install the recently elected elders and deacons. Pastor John will be taking us back to our *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* series as he looks at chapter 15 and *A Place to Stand*. Then on Sunday evening we return to our series on *Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story* as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 11:1-13.

Sunday's hymns bring together the theme of the church and the worship of Jesus. Hence, we will gather together with the German hymn, *Fairest Lord Jesus*. Our hymn of praise will be *The Church's One Foundation*, while our hymn of testimony will be *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*. We will then respond to God's word with *All Glory Be to Christ*- a great focus to have as 2023 gets underway.

Be encouraged to be reading God's word in 2023; make that reading a part of your life every day. Psalm 1 needs to give us direction as we live in a Psalm 2 world!

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* ♦ **Text:** *Revelation 15*
♦ **Message:** *A Place to Stand*

- The part of Christmas we do not talk about
- The shifting cultural sands
- A place to stand

A Sobering Reality: Seven Angels/Seven Plagues, 1

- The scene is in heaven
- Great and amazing
- Last in series of judgments: a very sobering statement
- Final outpouring of God's wrath
- The real silent side of Christmas- the side we do not talk about?
 - Christmas celebrates Jesus' first coming... and anticipates his second coming.
 - When he comes the second time, he comes triumphantly for his church...
- but he comes in judgment for those who have rejected him... he comes with the vengeance that John the Baptist anticipated

- The horror of God's judgment fall on those who reject Jesus Christ should give us a driven urgency to reach even the Vladimir Putins of this world.

A Stunning Reality: An interlude of celebration, 2-4

- Sea of glass mingled with fire, cf. 4.6, 2
 - Whereas earth's seas are chaos, this sea is transparent
 - Same as pavement in 4.6 and Exodus 24.10 and Ezekiel 1.22
 - Hendriksen: the pillar of fire of God's presence
- The victors
 - Remember the price paid
- Conquered the beast... its image... its number
 - Interesting ...it seemed from an earthly perspective the beast had won in 11.7 and 13.7... but they did not, 12.11
 - Why is it significant to say it conquered a number? Because they have resisted compromise
- As Israel stood on the far side of the Red Sea and watched the destruction of the Egyptian Army, so God's people stand on the far side of the crystal sea to watch the destruction of the dragon and beast
- Celebration, 3-4
 - Victory of faith over persecution and compromise
 - Anticipates how chapter 15-16 turn out
 - Harps
 - They sing: Present tense
- Song of Moses
 - Servant of God
 - Exodus 15: by the sea
 - Deuteronomy 32, especially verse 4
- Song of the Lamb, Revelation 5
- A new song... Psalm 98
- Saturated with Old Testament phrases from Deuteronomy, Jeremiah, the Psalms,
- Rich language of this song
- Celebration of deeds
 - Great, amazing- repeated from verse 1, cf. Psalm 11.2 and lots of OT passages
 - Ways,
 - Just/true
- Almighty/King of the Nations, Jeremiah 10.7
- Question: who will not fear and glory in God's name?
 - Implication: everyone will
 - We will see what some do
- Ultimately, all bow
 - Nations come to worship
 - Great Commission and Abrahamic Covenant in view
 - Salvation revealed

Looks again, 5

- Sanctuary of the tent of witness
 - Tabernacle
 - Covenant law

- God meets with his people and reveals himself
- Seven angels
- Clothes represent riches and glory or perhaps dressed for war
- One of the four living creatures gives each angel a bowl, cf. the seals in 6.1-8

Filled with wrath,

- Wine of God's fury, 14.8-10
- Wrath comes from the temple, not the fury

Smoke

- Glory of God and his power, cf. Isaiah 6.4
 - Also the smoke at Sinai, Exodus 19.1, and in Ezekiel 1
- No one could enter
 - "God's mercy is forgotten, his compassion withheld, and his patience suspended."
(Hendriksen)
 - A sobering moment

So What About Us?

- Jesus took the cup himself for our sins
- Worship's centrality in our lives

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

January 8, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP**Prelude***As we quiet our hearts for worship, please
silence all phones and electronic devices.***Welcome and Announcements**Ben Phillips,
Pastor of Ministries**The Song of Ascent***God's people sang together as they gathered and
traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.***Congregation***Fairest Lord Jesus*

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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.**ADORATION OF GOD****Call to Worship:**But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the
heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the
assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of
all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator
of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than
the blood of Abel.... Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that
cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with
reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

— Hebrews 12.22-24; 28-29

Invocation**Declaration of Truth:***The Westminster Catechism &
Heidelberg Catechism, Questions One and Two***Leader:** What is man's chief end?**All:** Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM**Join us tonight as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 11:1-13 in our series,
*Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.***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.**Hymn of Praise***The Church's One Foundation*

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The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish Is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE****Ordination and Installation of New Officers**

Ruling Elders: Bryan Cox, Terry Ensley, David Martin, George Tucker, Jim Zeller

Deacons: P.J. Friedell, James Hinds, Tommy Hulsey, Mike Johnson, Jeff Knight,
Mike Peifer, Mark Pignolet**Ordination 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***My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

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*(Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.**Refrain:** *On Christ the solid Rock I stand,**All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.*When darkness veils his lovely His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD****Reading of God's Word**

Revelation 15

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All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.**Prayer of Illumination****Sermon***A Place to Stand*

Pastor John

Series— *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow***OUR RESPONSE****Prayer of Application****Hymn of Response***All Glory Be to Christ*Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain the builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!**Refrain:** *All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
The water of eternal life, all glory be to Christ.When on that day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ!**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

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 Sacred Roots Farm • Young Life

Lock-up	Bryan Cox and Mark Pignolet
8:30am	
Ushers	Jeff Widstrom, Alex Widstrom, Jeff Brack, Jackie Souther, Gary Lewis, Jake Braselton
Greeters	Bob Bishop, Will and Rachel McVey
Infants/Toddlers	Sarah and Harper Cox
Children's Church	Nola Friedell
Junior Assistants	Rich and Coleman Friedell
11am	
Ushers	Steve Saville, Richard Conley, Ryan Conley, Michael Johnson, Sawyer Johnson, Edd Price
Greeters	Bob Bishop, Melissa and Allie Batusic
Infants/Toddlers	Faye Kirkland and Sarah Booker
Children's Church	Nancy Burkhart
Junior Assistants	Paul Burkhart and Sydney Sullivan
6:30pm	
Nursery	
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Service
Wednesday	
5:30	Wednesday Night Alive Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group

