

This Sunday at CMPC...

This Sunday we take our second look at Revelation 17-19 that describes the fall of Babylon, with Pastor John looking at chapter 18 and *The Day the Music Died* in our ongoing series *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*. Then Sunday evening we close out the Lord's Day in worship as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 12 in our series *Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story*.

Our hymns Sunday morning pick up the themes of both singing even though the music dies as well as God's call to "come out of her." We will gather with a late 20th century hymn, *You are My All in All*. Our hymn of praise is a 21st century hymn, *Bless the Lord, O My Soul (aka Ten Thousand Reasons)*. Our hymn of testimony is a 19th century gospel hymn, *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*. Then we will respond to God's word with *Give Me Jesus*. This hymn is what we call a spiritual- it comes from the experience of African-American slaves with perhaps some early American influence.

Eileen Guenther writes that "Spirituals affirm a complete trust in God to make right in the next world what was done wrong in this world. (They) are powerful, beautiful music of sorrow and hope. In his autobiography, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave (1845)*, Frederick Douglass (1818–1895) describes spirituals as songs with strong, long and profound accents" that "breathed the prayers and complaint of souls suffering the most cruel anguish. Each voice was a witness against slavery and a prayer that God would deliver us from our chains. . . I often found myself in tears listening to them." *Give Me Jesus* is a hymn that will help us focus our response to Revelation 18.

There will be a day when the world's music dies, but as God's people, we will sing on!

Message Two: Babylon Falls, 18.1--3

- Judgment is carried out
- Another angel
 - With authority
 - Glory brightened the world
 - Mighty voice
- Allusions to Babylon (Jeremiah 50-51; esp 51.37) and Tyre (Ezekiel 27)
- Fallen fallen is Babylon the Great, Isaiah 21.9 "Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the carved images of her gods he has shattered to the ground."
- Prophetic past tense: certainty
- Repeated: emphasis
- Desolation

- A dwelling place for demons
- This is a picture of God's absence- and Satan's rule
 - Grammys- Satanic ritual
- Wild animals only, Isaiah 13.20-22
- Unclean birds replace animals
- All nations with their kings and merchants are implicated
- Grown rich
- The wine they drink is deliberately living as if God did not exist
- The refusal of Christians to cooperate with the world system led to their poverty
- Rome was a storehouse for the world's goods coming from Mediterranean trade
- Warehouses around here
- Sexual immorality and excessive materialism
- Not carrying out Westminster Shorter Catechism #1 and pursuing wealth and pleasure
-

Message Three: Saints Come Out 18.4-8

- This is Babylon before the fall
- Be separate from her immorality
- Beware of Satan's schemes, II Corinthians 2.11
- Come out of here: Isaiah 48.20
- Isaiah 52.11
- Jeremiah 51.6,45
- "Flee from the midst of Babylon; let everyone save his life!
- Go out of the midst of her, my people! Let everyone save his life from the fierce anger of the Lord
- Break with the culture and lifestyle, avoid compromise
- Lot's wife: took her out of Sodom, but could not take Sodom out of her
- Sins piled to heaven like the tower of Babel, Jeremiah 51.9
 - No more room
 - These sins are coming close to heaven and challenging God to do something
- Jeremiah 51.9: We would have healed Babylon,
but she was not healed.
Forsake her, and let us go
each to his own country,
for her judgment has reached up to heaven
and has been lifted up even to the skies.
- She glorified herself
- Isaiah 47.7
- Fire: God's consuming judgment
- In one day
- Isaiah 47.14
- Hebrews 10.31

3 Laments of the friends of Babylon, 18.9-19

- This is Babylon after the fall
- Friends: Kings, merchants, sailors: all who prospered with Babylon
- John is drawing from Ezekiel 27 here
- They stand far off
- The Kings' lament is sounded in verse 10
- A rapid fall, 10, cf. 17 and 19
 - Cf. Communism's fall in 1989
 - Global impact of COVID
- They are terrified by the destruction that they see, and they stand far off, fearful of getting caught in the destruction (vv. 10, 15, 17) Sorrow but no repentance
- People cannot give up the pleasures of sin despite knowing what will follow
- This is what the world lives for:
- Merchants enjoyed all sorts of good, including slaves
- (The righteous should love righteousness more than earthly goods and earthly power)
- Jesus: store up treasures
- Today: many prosper off the backs of others, whether "sweat shops" or victimizing women as prostitutes
- The world's reaction to the loss of their god shows us what false repentance looks like. They mourn over what they have lost. They are not driven to God in their sorrow. They do not mourn over their indulgence in Babylon's abominations. They are driven to despair because they have lost what is most precious to them.

Final Announcement: Destruction- the day the music died, 18.20-24

- Who is speaking? ESV says the sailors; more than likely it is the angel or voice from heaven
- Good Christian Men Rejoice!
- Judgment
- Beale: Babylon, who removed the joys of life from the saints, will have her own pleasures taken away.
- No more music
- The arts
- The craftsman- not OT equivalent; craftsman had lost out in Rome
- Commerce
- Family/weddings
- Verse 24: a solemn reminder of guilt

So What About Us?

- Caution: come out of her
- Our heart
- Salt and light
- Rejoice in God's vindication
- The music never ends

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

February 12, 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

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek, You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. (x2)

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
rising again I bless Your name. You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. (x2)

©1978 Maranatha! Music ARR/UBP ccli #184884

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples
his deeds! For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the
cry of the afflicted. - Psalm 9.11-12

Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

Jeremiah 51.41-45; Exodus 15.1

Leader: "How Babylon is taken, the praise of the whole earth seized!

Choir: *How Babylon has become a horror among the nations!*

All: **The sea has come up on Babylon; she is covered with its tumultuous
waves. Her cities have become a horror, a land of drought and a desert, a land
in which no one dwells, and through which no son of man passes. And I will
punish Bel in Babylon, and take out of his mouth what he has swallowed.**

Choir: *The nations shall no longer flow to him; the wall of Babylon has fallen.*

All: "Go out of the midst of her, my people! Let everyone save his life
from the fierce anger of the LORD!... Then Moses and the people of Israel sang
this song to the Lord, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed
gloriously.

Hymn of Praise

Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Ten Thousand Reasons)

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.

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.

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.

©2007 Thank You Music (admin. Worldwide by EMI CMG Pub ARR/UBP #184884

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Face to Face

Choir

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.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM

Join us tonight as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 12:1-12 in our series,
Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

#650

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

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross he suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

Refrain:

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.

I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory he giveth
Over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life has brought me,
Son of God, with him to be.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Revelation 18

(pew Bible page 1038)

All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

The Day the Music Died

Pastor John

Series— *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Give Me Jesus

In the morning, when I rise (X3) give me Jesus

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, But give me Jesus

When I am alone... give me Jesus

When I come to die... give me Jesus

Give me Jesus... You can have all this world... But give me Jesus

©2000 Déjamesolo Music (adm. by Word Music), ARR/UBP ccli #184884

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC February 12



PO Box 7280, Chestnut Mountain, GA 30502
 770-967-3440 www.cmpca.org
churchoffice@cmpca.org
 Office Hours: Mon—Thurs, 9am—3pm



Staff

John S. Batusic, *Pastor* • Ben Phillips, *Pastor of Ministries*
 Kennedy Smartt, *Chaplain to the Community* • Dee Hammond, *Pastor of Missions & Outreach*
 Richard MacLagan, *Minister of Music* • Mike Owens, *Minister to Children*
 Travis Brown, *Pastor to Youth* • Sarah Tilley, *Youth Ministry Assistant*
 Lynn Perkins, *Kitchen Coordinator* • Nancy Burkhart, *Preschool Director*
 Floy Jumper, *Facility Manager* • Mindy Burch, *Church Administrator*
 Susan MacLagan, *Accompanist* • Bev Bradbury, *Organist*

Session

Scott Allen • Bob Bishop • Bryan Cox • Jason Cunningham • Terry Ensley • Andy Jobson
 Dave Martin • Robert Martin • Will McVey • Marty Moore • John Rollo • Steve Saville
 Dennis Swinehart • George Tucker • Dean Warnock • Jim Zeller

Elders Emeriti

Jim Parks • Jack Sweeney • Andy Watkins

Diaconate

P.J. Friedell • James Hinds • Mike Johnson • Jeff Knight • Mike Peifer
 Mark Pignolet • Steve Wentz

Women's Ministry Leadership Team

Peggy Creighton • Lezlie Valentine • Lanette Haas • Bethany Batusic • Sarabeth Gossage
 Sarah Lingerfelt • Barbara Jumper • Jen Burkhart • Aneita Connor • Christina Elmore

CMPC Supported Missions

Unless otherwise indicated, all missionaries are with *Mission to the World*

Asia/New Zealand

Japan: Darlene Johnson, Jonas & Christina Davison, Melanie Johnson • *Taiwan:* Becky White
Thailand: Tim & Rhianna Mills, Noah & Karleigh Stephens, Trey & Kiki Adams
New Zealand: Paul & Crystal Henry

Europe

Bulgaria: Grace Chung, Gary & Tammy Elliott REF
Poland: Nathan & Kasia Tunnell REF • *Czech Republic:* Miriam Grady
Germany: Pamyla Burrack, Brian & Megan Moore
England: Brett & Valerie McAlpin,
Romania: Derek & Catalina Kreider • *Greece:* David & Erin Pervis

Americas

Canada: Bill & Mae Lee Letchworth, Rohan & Rebecca Crown, Carrie Rice
Honduras: Alex & Maggie Halbert • *Peru:* Andrew & Krista May, Julia King

Africa

East Africa: Donna • *Kenya:* Sherwood & Bethany Griggs, Anaweza
Unreached Peoples

Last names and locations withheld due to the sensitive nature of their situations.

David & Marcia • Franklin & Beth • Emily • Kurt & Jill • Chris & Savanna
 David & Jan • Phil & Amina • Calvin & Geeta • Micah & Blair • Mark & Nathalie

Global Ministries:

Linda Summer, *Agape Puppets* • *Global Training:* Mike & Robin McMahan

United States

Hernando & Debbie Saenz, *MNA Hispanic Ministry Coordinator*
 Alan & Kim Foster, *MNA Church Planter Recruiter*;
Reformed University Fellowship International Jeff & Caroline Thompson, UGA ;
Reformed University Fellowship: Tracey & Suzanne West, GA Tech;
 Ben & Anna Coppedge, Caysie Ashton, UGA;
Vision 938: Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Atlanta University Center
PCA Church Planters: Curran & Abby Bishop, Milford, CT;
 Buck & Kaitlyn Rogers, Braselton, GA;
 Alejandro & Beth Oropeza, Amistad Hispana, Chestnut Mountain, GA;
 Clay & Liz Werner, Oconee County, GA

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) Agencies

Administrative Committee • The Committee on Discipleship Ministries • Covenant College
 Georgia Foothills Presbytery • MTW • MNA • Reformed University Fellowship • Ridge Haven

Local Ministries

Adults Protecting Children • Center Point • Choices Pregnancy Care Center • Eagle Ranch
 Frontline Response (Out of Darkness) • Gateway House • Good News at Noon
 Sacred Roots Farm • Young Life

Lock-up	Dave Martin and Tommy Hulsey
8:30am	
Ushers	Mark Lane, Bo Porter, John Kapustay, Jeff Eichler, Morris Bingham, Doug Whitlock
Greeters	Sign up at cmpca.org/greeters
Infants/Toddlers	Marie Tiano
Children's Church	Chuck and Deb Eidson
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Anthony Watkins, Ryan Watkins, Charles Scarborough, Oscar Rodriguez
Greeters	Linda Hutchinson
Infants/Toddlers	Ruth Ensley and Sarah Lingerfelt
Children's Church	Nancy Burkhart
Junior Assistants	Paul Burkhart and Heidi McClendon
6:30pm	
Nursery	
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:15	Kids of the Kingdom
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Service
Wednesday	
5:30	Wednesday Night Alive Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group

