



**Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA**

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## **CMPC Sermon Notes and Complete Bulletin for March 22 2020**

**Pastor John Batusic**

**Series:** *From Fear to Faith*

**Message:** *What on Earth is Happening?*

**Text:** Habakkuk 1.1-4

Given the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in and wondering how to respond, this Sunday we're interrupting our mission conference series *See the Glory* and our series on Colossians and starting a new sermon series we are calling *From Fear to Faith*, studies taken from the books of Habakkuk and Zephaniah. Both of those 7<sup>th</sup> century prophets have remarkable messages to lead us on a journey from fear to faith.

Please click [cmpca.org/youtube](https://cmpca.org/youtube) to join us for these online worship services. We begin streaming the service at 8:30am and you can login any time after that. Let me encourage you to have your Bibles open and if possible have a copy of this worship guide (which follows) as we worship together online. Also, take a few minutes to read the entire book of Habakkuk before Sunday. The hymns we are singing are again classic hymns of the faith to tie us closely to Christ. *Blessed Assurance, My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (The Solid Rock), Like a River Glorious* and *He Leadeth Me*. Read over the words- be encouraged!

Something new this Sunday will be a joint-Sunday School class. This week Pastor Dee will be talking with Noah and Karleigh Stephens, CMPCers serving with *Mission to the World* and headed to Bangkok, Thailand, along with their daughter, Macy. To connect to this Sunday School broadcast on Sunday morning at 10am, go to [cmpca.org/sundayschool](https://cmpca.org/sundayschool)

There's also a new opportunity for learning from <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/all-teaching-series-now-free-stream/>. Ligonier, featuring the teaching of R.C. Sproul, has released all their teaching series for free to aid the body of Christ during these difficult times. They also have an app that you can download. Check it out! ( a letter about this is at the end of this letter's sermon notes).

## [This week's worship guide and sermon notes:](#)

### **Worship of the Living God**

March 22, 2020

### **Gathering to Worship**

#### **Prelude**

### **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.*

#### *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

#### Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Blessed assurance, Praises we bring,  
Lord of the Nations, Savior and King  
Leading His people through history  
Faithfully proving His victory.

## **Adoration of God**

**Call to Worship:** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46.10-11

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

### **Declaration of Truth:**

Habakkuk 3.17-19

Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in the Lord;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.  
God, the Lord, is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the deer's;  
he makes me tread on my high places.

### *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.

## **Hymn of Praise**

*My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

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.

## **CMPC Mission and Family Life**

### **Mission Moment**

Pastor Dee

*Noah and Karleigh Stephens, CMPCers heading to Thailand*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Hymn of Testimony**

*Like a River Glorious*

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
over all victorious in its bright increase;  
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,  
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

#### Refrain:

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,  
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,  
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.  
We may trust him fully all for us to do;  
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

### **Proclaiming the Word of God**

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

Habakkuk 1

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** (see next page for outline)

*What on Earth is Happening?*

Pastor John

Series: *From Fear to Faith*

**Our Response**

**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.

**Our Gifts to God**

**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.

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

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**A picture of hope, Zechariah 8.4-5**

- A sad picture, Judges 5.7-8
- What is fear? an unpleasant emotion or thought that you have when you are frightened or worried by something dangerous, painful, or bad that is happening or might happen
- Fear: loss of control, uncertain circumstances, deceptive lives
- Our common fear: Covid-19

**Pictures**

- The Day of the Lord
  - A near event
  - Christ's first coming
  - Christ's second coming
- Zephaniah acknowledged the coming Day of the Lord
- Habakkuk saw his message

**Meet our writers**

- Zephaniah is a searcher on God's behalf
- Habakkuk is a wrestler with God
- Both lived in the last part of the 7<sup>th</sup> century before the exile
- Both moved from fear to faith
- The times: changing world powers
- Israel in exile, Judah in political and spiritual decline

**What on earth is happening? Habakkuk 1.2-4**

- Does God know?
- Does God care?
- Will God act?
- Habakkuk pleaded with God to stop the spiritual decline
- Habakkuk knows the covenant, Deuteronomy 26-33

## God speaks, Habakkuk 1.1

- God speaks to us
- God's word is necessary
- God hears our prayers.

## The Way Forward: Our theology and Habakkuk

- God is in control
  - The alternative: all is chaos and random
- Certainty/Hope in place of uncertainty
- Truth instead of lies
- Result: Habakkuk's faith in 3.16-17

## So What About Us?

- Euphoria: Fear of hearing good news
- Good news
  - God wants us to move from fear to faith
  - God will help us move from fear to faith
  - Cling to the promise/word
- A VBS lesson learned, Psalm 56.3

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