

This Sunday at CMPC...

This Sunday at CMPC is *Commitment Sunday*, our follow up to last week's Mission Conference: *The Name Above All Names*. What a great week we had... thanks so much to the many who worked so hard in so many ways. This week we've all been praying... Lord, are you sending me? And if not, how much should I give? What about my prayer commitment? Be prepared to respond to God's call this Sunday by indicating you are praying about saying, "here am I, send me," and/or filling out the Faith Promise Cards and Prayer Promise Cards as Pastor John looks at Romans 15.22-33 and *Live Like You are Dying*. Then on Sunday evening Pastor Ben continues our series in Luke 12.49-59 in our series *Luke: Becoming Center About the Story*.

Our hymns this Sunday center on Christ's glory and the Great Commission. We will gather with *To the Ends of the Earth*, which is a late 20th century hymn. Our hymns of praise will be *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*, written by Walter Chalmers Smith in 1867, and *Shine, Jesus, Shine*, written in 1987 by Graham Kendrick. Smith was a Scottish Presbyterian who was a noted poet. Our hymn of testimony will be *Facing a Task Unfinished*, written by Frank Houghton, a missionary, in 1831 to encourage people to respond to a call for 200 more missionaries for China in two years. The call read like this: "THIS Call of need, of urgency, has come for two hundred men and women in two years, and it must be met ~ two hundred men and women who know and love the LORD JESUS CHRIST as their personal Saviour and who share the LORD's passion for souls ... men and women who believe that the gospel of CHRIST is still the power of GOD unto salvation to everyone that believeth." The Gettys added a refrain 8 years ago. Our hymn of testimony will be words by the Gettys put to the famous Irish folk tune *Londonderry Air* in 2009, *What Grace is Mine*. All these hymns have rich, challenging words- check them out before Sunday.

What a privilege and a joy to make *The Name Above All Names* known!

CMPC Sermon Notes

Series: 2023 Mission Conference Preparation - the Name Above Every Name •

Text: Romans 15.23-33

Message: **"Live Like You are Dying"**

- David Livingstone's sacred promise... *"Shall I tell you what sustained me in the midst of all these toils, hardships, and incredible loneliness? It was a promise, the promise of a gentleman of the most sacred honor..."*
- Psalm 86.9
- Romans 1.5: Paul's call
- We live like we are dying when...

We take the risk of going, 15.23-24a

- Paul headed to Spain; prefers to plant in new ground
 - Cf. 15.19-20: where he has been
- The risk of going
 - Jesus' risk
 - David Livingstone: *"God had an only Son and He made Him a missionary."*
 - Risk is from a human perspective; God never takes a risk
- Still a painful plan: Jesus' suffering and death on the cross
- Paul's risk, II Corinthian 11.23-27
- Great Commission: Geographical and generational
 - Around the world... and "down the hall"

We take the risk of giving, 15.24

- Romans as a missions support letter
- Missionaries need financial resources
- Giving: privilege, resources, opportunity, and responsibility to give
 - II Corinthians 8 & 9: the famine relief offering is a model for faith promise giving
 - Paul challenged the wealthy Corinthians to learn from the poorer Macedonians about the joy of giving
- God's provision of the promise: surprising ways
 - Creative frugality more likely
- David Livingstone said: *"I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ."*

We take the risk of praying, 15.30

- Risk using our valuable time
 - Corrie Ten Boom: *Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?*
 - David Wells: *Prayer is rebellion against the status quo*
- What if the church had prayed in the 13th century?
- David Livingstone's prayer: *"Lord, send me anywhere, only go with me. Lay any burden on me, only sustain me. Sever any ties but the tie that binds me to Thy service and to Thy heart."*
- Livingstone and Robert Moffat: the smoke of a thousand villages where people have never heard
- David Livingstone's caution: *"Do we pray 'Thy Kingdom come', but never, 'Here am I, Lord send me?'"*

So What About Us?

- Will we go?
- Will we pray?
- Will we send?
- Live like we are dying... because we are

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

MARCH 26, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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

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.*

To the Ends of the Earth

You are holy and just so gracious to us,
How could we withhold your praise?
You are faithful and wise so majestic O Christ
You are worthy to be proclaimed.

To the ends of the earth you are Lord.

From the heavens all glory is yours.

We exalt you O Christ as we carry your light

To the ends of the earth, O Lord.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

—Philippians 2.9-11

Invocation

Declaring Our Faith:

- Psalm 86.8-10, 12

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All: **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

All: **I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.**

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM

Join us tonight as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 12.49-59, in our series,
Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.

Hymns of Praise

Immortal Invisible God Only Wise/Shine, Jesus, Shine

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness S
earch me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory; Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story;
Shine on me, shine on me.

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CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Reception of New Members and Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

They Will Know We are Christians

Handbell Choir

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Please pass and sign the registration pad in the hymnal rack.

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

Facing a Task Unfinished

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

Facing a task unfinished That drives us to our knees-
A need that, undiminished Rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee Hold their unhindered sway-
Where forces that defied Thee Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying For life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying And pass into the night.

Refrain:

We go to all the world With kingdom hope unfurled.

No other name has power to save But Jesus Christ The Lord!

We bear the torch that flaming Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us, From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us To labor for Thy sake.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 15.23-33, p. 950 pew bible

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Live Like You Are Dying

Pastor John

Series: *Mission Conference 2023 The Name Above All Names*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Receiving Faith Promise and Prayer Promise Cards

Hymn of Response

What Grace is Mine

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul
And from his scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live and in his name be known

Refrain:

So I will go wherever He is calling me

I lose my life to find my life in Him

I give my all to gain the hope that never dies

I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me
Beneath his wings my wakened soul may soar
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC March 26

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Good News Clinic • Promise 686 • Sacred Roots Farm • Young Life

Lock-up Dennis Swinehart and James Hinds

8:30am

Ushers Dean Warnock, Don Shanks, Chuck Eidson,
Eric Tucker, Marty Moore, Leon Darghosian

Greeters Polly King

Infants/Toddlers Merry Blair

Children's Church Jason Wallis

Junior Assistants

11am

Ushers Steve Saville, Richard Conley, Michael Johnson,
Sawyer Johnson, Edd Price

Greeters Sign up at cmpca.org/greeters

Infants/Toddlers Sarah and Harper Cox

Children's Church Melissa Batusic

Junior Assistants Andrew and Allie Batusic

6:30pm

Nursery

Today This Week at CMPC

8:30am, 11am Worship Services

10am Sunday School

6:15pm 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



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