

Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA

Worship of the Living God

April 12, 2020

Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Gathering Song

Because He Lives

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain:

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives
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Call to Worship: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."

I Peter 1.3-4

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin, and the Invocation

Adoration of God

Declaration of Truth

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise

Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain: *Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land—men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands—find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing—shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!”

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs. 1-4) #277

Christ the Lord is ris’n today.” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CMPC Mission and Family Life

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Hymn of Testimony

Up from the Grave He Arose #276

Low in the grave He lay—Jesus, my Savior,
Waiting the coming day— Jesus, my Lord.

Refrain:

*Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch His bed—Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead—Jesus, my Lord.

Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away—Jesus, my Lord.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Reading of God's Word

Numbers 21.4-9; Habakkuk 2.1-4; John 3.1-16; Matthew 28.1-7

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon (See the outline on the last pages of this bulletin)

Celebrating Life in a COVID-19 World

Pastor John

Series: *From Fear to Faith*

Our Response

Prayer of Application

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.

Hymn of Celebration

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for April 12, 2020

Pastor John Batusic

Series: *From Fear to Faith*

Texts: Num. 21.4-9; Habakkuk 2.1-4; John 3.1-16; Matthew 28.1-7

Sermon: *Celebrating Life in a COVID-19 World*

- The mounting numbers
- Hand-washing
- Genesis 5 refrain
- Unprepared

Scene 1: Moses' Story, Numbers 21.4-9

- The 40 year journey is almost over
- A difficult time for Moses
- The people still complaining
- God sends venomous, biting snakes
 - Fear
 - People die
 - People cry out
- God has Moses erect a bronze or fiery serpent
 - Look at it to live
- Faith

Scene 2, Habakkuk, Habakkuk 2.1-4

- The sins of Judah
- The Babylonian sinners
- Fear
- Sin problem
- Original sin
- The just shall live by faith
- Faith!

Scene 3, Nicodemus, John 3.1-16

- Nicodemus: teacher in Israel member of Sanhedrin
 - Secretly comes to Jesus with questions
 - Fear

- Jesus: you must be born again
- How?
- Compares with the wilderness serpent
 - Jesus lifted up
 - Jesus lifted up on a cross
 - Dies for our sins
 - Look in faith
- God's motivation: love, 3.16
- How people are saved
- The anti-aging search
- God's gift of eternal life
- Faith

Scene 4, Mary Magdalene, Matthe 28.1-7

- Jesus' death leads to fear
- Coming to the tomb in fear
- He's alive
- As he said
- Go tell!
- Faith

So What About Us?

- Must connect the dots
- Moving from fear to faith: live
- Celebrate life
- Where are the superheroes?
- Fear
- Jesus wins
- Death continues
- We have Jesus
- The Easter Bag