

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

May 16, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Please silence all phones and electronic devices.

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Ascent *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

O soul, are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's a light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

Refrain: *Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
in the light of his glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting
he passed, and we follow him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion—
for more than conqu'rors we are!

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ADORATION OF GOD

Micah 7.18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise *Before the Throne of God*

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong, a perfect plea.

A great High Priest whose name is Love
who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart.

I know that while in heav'n He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart (x2)

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within
upward I look and see Him there
who made an end to all my sin.
because the sinless Savior died

my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me. (x2)

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
my perfect spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of Glory and of Grace,
one with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased with His blood,
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God! (x2)

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Doxology and Prayer

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 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

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

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus: *I am bound (I am bound)*

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for promised land,

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

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THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Genesis 19:1-14

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth 2 and said, "My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the town square." 3 But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. 4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. 5 And they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them." 6 Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, 7 and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. 8 Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." 9 But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. 10 But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. 11 And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door. 12 Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. 13 For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it." 14 So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up! Get out of this place, for the Lord is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"Remember Lot's ~~Wife~~ Story"

Pastor John

Series— *Genesis 12-25: Walking by Faith*

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Preparation *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;

all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

The Invitation to the Lord's Table: Those who've not yet trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are asked to let the elements pass. Please use this time to contemplate Psalm 130, asking God to show you the glory of his Son Jesus Christ in his death for the forgiveness of your sins. If you're unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a member of the pastoral staff or one of the elders after the service.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and holy life; to the glory of His name. Amen

Receiving the Bread and Cup: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Please note: The elements on the table are an "all in one" pack of the bread (which contains gluten) under the cellophane and the juice under the foil. In addition, the bread in the small cups on the tables is gluten free. Also, our custom is that we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Celebration *Rock of Ages*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's commands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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Word and Deed Offering: Please note the special plates designated for this offering which is used to meet financial needs within the Body and the Community.

Declaration of Hope (Unison)

Hebrews 12.1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hymn of Parting *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for May 16, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

Message: Remember Lot's Wife Story

Text: Genesis 19.1-14

- A Sad and Sordid Story, Ezekiel 16.49
- A Grace Story, II Peter 2.7-8
- The Back Story, Genesis 13.10-13
- The Current Story, Genesis 19.14
- A Cautionary Story, Genesis 19.30
- A Repeated Story
 - Grace
 - The Table