

# Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA

Worship of the Living God

May 24, 2020

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Gathering Song**     *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!

Hail him! hail him! highest archangels in glory;

strength and honor give to his holy name!

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children,

in his arms he carries them all day long:

Refrain:

*Praise him! praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;*

*praise him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!*

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

For our sins he suffered and bled and died;

he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,

hail him! hail him! Jesus the Crucified.

Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,

love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

**Call to Worship:** “It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his



ways and that we may walk in his paths.” - Micah 4.1-2a

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

### **ADORATION OF GOD**

#### **Declaration of Truth**

Micah 4.2b-6

Pastor: For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

All: *He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore;*

Pastor: “but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

All: *For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.*

Pastor: In that day, declares the Lord, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation;

All: *and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore.*

#### **Hymn of Praise**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the skies my heart awakening cries:



May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
When evil thoughts molest with this I shield my breast:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
The pow'rs of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Be this th'eternal song, Through all the ages on:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.

**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.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Hymn of Testimony**      *Amazing Love*

My Lord, what love is this- that pays so dearly;

That I, the guilty one may go free.

#### Refrain:

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice, The Son of God, giv'n for me;*

*My debt He pays and my death He dies,*

*That I might live, that I might live.*

And so they watched Him die; despised, rejected;

But O, the blood He shed flowed for me.

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;

Come wash your guilt away, live again.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

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

Zephaniah 3.18-20



## Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

*How Deep is His Love?*

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 Response

*There is a Fountain*

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains:  
lose all their guilty stains,  
lose all their guilty stains;  
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
that fountain in his day;  
and there have I, as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away:  
washed all my sins away,



washed all my sins away;  
and there have I, as vile as he,  
washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
your flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die:  
and shall be till I die,  
and shall be till I die;  
redeeming love has been my theme,  
and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
when this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue  
lies silent in the grave:  
lies silent in the grave,  
lies silent in the grave;  
when this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue  
lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood  
shall never lose its pow'r,  
till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved, to sin no more:  
be saved, to sin no more,  
be saved, to sin no more;  
till all the ransomed church of God  
be saved to sin no more.

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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### **CMPC Sermon Notes for May 24, 2020**

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

**Sermon:** *Expressions of God's Love*

- Love...
  - Elizabeth Barrett Browning
  - Edgar Allen Poe
- God...
  - Judgment, Zephaniah 1
    - Richard Dawkins' take
- Love
  - God's anger at sin is rooted in his love

#### **God's Determination to Love His People**

- Romans 5.8
- Zephaniah 3.17
- Six "I Wills" in the ESV (7 in NIV, 8 in other translations)
- God's love never leaves us alone; Psalm 36, Jeremiah 32.40-41

#### **God's Promises as Expressions of His Love, 3.18**

- Mourning over lost worship opportunities since in exile
  - Our lost opportunities today
  - God will gather
  - God will remove reproach
- Repentance!
  - Our complacency towards sin
  - Deuteronomy 28.36-37
- Daily repentance, Deuteronomy 30.2-3

#### **God's Promise of Blessing, 3.19-20**

- Dealing with oppressors, 3.19
  - Persecuted church
- The lame and the outcast, cf. Micah 4.6-7: this is Israel's spiritual condition
- Zephaniah's familiarity with Deuteronomy, cf. 26.18-19

- Reflecting God's glory, Zechariah 9.16-17; Isaiah 43.6b-7; Jeremiah 33.8-9; I Peter 2.9-10
- The warning to listen: Jeremiah 13.11
- Timothy Stoner: Holy Love Wins

***So What About Us?***

- Seeing the impact of God's love
- History... that leads to hope