

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

JULY 11, 2021

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

#### The Song of Ascent

*God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

#### Congregation

*Think About His Love*

Think about His love, think about His goodness.

Think about His grace that's brought us through.

For as high as the heavens above

So great is the measure of our Father's love.

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## ADORATION OF GOD

**Call to Worship:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever. —Psalm 136.1-3

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

#### Declaration of Truth:

Psalm 103.8-13; 90.14

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

All: *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

All: *Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.*

#### Response

And can it be, that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love, how can it be, that thou my God should die for me!*

**Hymn of Praise**                      *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.  
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### **CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE**

**Sacrament of Covenant Baptism** Given to Andrew Eric Moore, son of Brian and Megan Moore,  
grandson of Marty and Susan Moore and Al and Tracy Roth

**Mission Moment**                      VBS Team Commissioning

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**The Gift of Music**                      *Jesus Loves Me*                      The Choir  
Jesus loves me! this I know,    For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;    they are weak but He is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! (x3)  
The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! He who died    Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,    Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me, he will stay    Close beside me all the way.  
He calls children to his side,    Saying, "Come with me abide.

### **Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering**

#### *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

## *How Deep the Father's Love*

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

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss -  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart -  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

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

Genesis 22.1-12

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound

Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

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

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon**

"His Heart Held Nothing Back"

Pastor John

*Series from Genesis 12-25- Abraham & Sarah: Walking by Faith*

### **OUR RESPONSE**

#### **Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response**

*My Savior's Love*

I stand amazed in the presence  
of Jesus the Nazarene,  
and wonder how he could love me,  
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

#### Refrain:

*How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
he made them his very own;  
he bore the burden to Calvary,  
and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory  
his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy through the ages  
to sing of his love for me.

### **The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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**CMPC Sermon Notes for July 11, 2021**

**Pastor John Batusic**

- **Series-** *Abraham and Sarah: Walking By Faith*  
*Genesis 12-25*
- **Message:** *"His Heart Held Nothing Back"*
- **Text:** Genesis 22.1-12

- John Blanchard: Obedience is not the essence of a right relationship with God, but it is the evidence of a right relationship with God.
- Donald Barnhouse: His heart held nothing back.

**The Setting, 22.1a**

- After these things
  - Whole life/chapter 21
    - Birth of Isaac
    - Sending away of Ishmael
    - Abimelech
- Building our relationship with God during times of quiet stability, cf. Isaiah 33.6
- Storms will come

**The Testing, 22.1b**

- Testing is for our good
  - What have we learned
  - What will Abraham's heart hold back
- God calls, Abraham listens
  - Personal friendship

**The Command, 22.2**

- No verbal response from Abraham given
- Stunning command from God is clear
- Abraham obeys
  - Command defies common sense
  - Command emphasizes Abraham's affection for Isaac
- What is our treasure?

**The Response, 22.3-12**

- Gets up early
- Careful details
- We will worship- and come back
- How does Abraham say this?
  - Resurrection, Hebrews 11.17-19
- God intervenes, 22.11-12
  - Abraham demonstrates obedience, faith, and love
  - His heart holds nothing back...

- God's heart holds nothing back from us, Romans 8.31-39

***So What About Us?***

- What are we holding back?
- Do we believe?
- Think about his love