

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

JUNE 26, 2022

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.*

Congregation

Ye Servants of God

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful Name;
The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh—his presence we have:
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and might and honor and glory and blessing!” —Revelation 5.12

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question One

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn of Praise

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power,

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to Him Who our battle hath won
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Into the heav'n of the heav'ns hath He gone,
Sitteth He now in the joy of the throne,
Weareth He now of the kingdom the crown,
Singeth He now the new song with His own.

Soundeth the heaven of the heavens with His Name;
Ringeth the earth with His glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
Echo His praises and tell of His power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
Ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise,
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Gift of Music

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

All Glory Be to Christ

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

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain the builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

Refrain: *All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
The water of eternal life, all glory be to Christ.

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Revelation 5

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Our Source of Strength and Hope

Pastor John

Series— *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! (2)
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

SUMMER IN THE SON 20/20/20 6:30PM

Join us tonight as Pastor John looks at 2 Kings 3 and : “*We Three Kings,*” (a.k.a, “*We Three Stooges*”) in our series, *Elisha: The Spirit-filled Life in a Wordless World*. 20 minutes of singing, 20 minutes of study, and 20 minutes of food and fellowship for the whole family. Tonight:

Serving Christ at CMPC June 12, 2022



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Lock-up	Dennis Swinehart and Jake Braselton
8:30am	
Ushers	Dean Warnock, Don Shanks, Chuck Eidson, Eric Tucker, Marty Moore
Greeters	
Infants/Toddlers	Charlotte Owens
Children's Church	Will Owens
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Steve Saville, Richard Conley, Ryan Conley, Michael Johnson, Sawyer Johnson, Edd Price
Greeters	Bob Bishop
Infants/Toddlers	Jane Pignolet, Audrey Prince, Emma Prince
Children's Church	Lara Carson
Junior Assistants	Grey Geist
6:30pm	
Nursery	
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30pm	Summer in the Son
Wednesday	No WNA

Staff

John S. Batusic, *Pastor* • Ben Phillips, *Pastor of Ministries*
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Session

Scott Allen • Bob Bishop • Jason Cunningham • Andy Jobson • Robert Martin
 Will McVey • Marty Moore • John Rollo • Steve Saville
 Dennis Swinehart • Dean Warnock

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Dick Batusic • John Browning • Jim Parks • Jack Sweeney • Andy Watkins

Diaconate

Jake Braselton • P.J. Friedell • Matt Hall • Mark Pignolet • Steve Wentz

Women's Ministry Leadership Team

Susan Wentz • Peggy Creighton • Linda Hutchinson • Lynn Price • Lezlie Valentine
 Sarah Lingerfelt • Jen Burkhart • Barbara Jumper

CMPC Supported Missions

Unless otherwise indicated, all missionaries are with *Mission to the World*

Asia/New Zealand

Japan: Darlene Johnson, Jonas & Christina Davison • *Taiwan:* Becky White
Thailand: Tim & Rhianna Mills, Noah & Karleigh Stephens, Trey & Kiki Adams
New Zealand: Paul & Crystal Henry

Europe

Bulgaria: Grace Chung, Gary & Tammy Elliott REF
Poland: Nathan & Kasia Tunnell REF • *Czech Republic:* Miriam Grady
Germany: Sam & Elizabeth Goodwin, Pamyla Burrack, Brian & Megan Moore
England: Brett & Valerie McAlpin,

Romania: Derek & Catalina Kreider • *Greece:* David & Erin Pervis

Americas

Canada: Bill & Mae Lee Letchworth, Rohan & Rebecca Crown, Carrie Rice
Honduras: Alex & Maggie Halbert • *Peru:* Andrew & Krista May, Julia King

Africa

East Africa: Donna • *Kenya:* Sherwood & Bethany Griggs, *Anaweza*

Unreached Peoples

Last names and locations withheld due to the sensitive nature of their situations.

David & Marcia • Franklin & Beth • Emily • Kurt & Jill

David & Jan • Phil & Amina • Calvin & Geeta • Micah & Blair

Global Ministries:

Linda Summer, *Agape Puppets* • *Global Training:* Mike & Robin McMahan

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Hernando & Debbie Saenz, *MNA Hispanic Ministry Coordinator*
 Alan & Kim Foster, *MNA Church Planter Recruiter*;
Reformed University Fellowship International Jeff & Caroline Thompson, UGA ;

Reformed University Fellowship: Tracey & Suzanne West, GA Tech;

Ben & Anna Coppedge, Caysie Ashton, UGA;

Vision 938: Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Atlanta University Center

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Buck & Kaitlyn Rogers, Braselton, GA;

Alejandro & Beth Oropeza, Amistad Hispana, Chestnut Mountain, GA;

Clay & Liz Werner, Oconee County, GA

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Administrative Committee • The Committee on Discipleship Ministries • Covenant College
 Georgia Foothills Presbytery • MTW • MNA • Reformed University Fellowship • Ridge Haven

Local Ministries

Adults Protecting Children • Center Point • Choices Pregnancy Care Center • Eagle Ranch
 Frontline Response (Out of Darkness) • Gateway House • Good News at Noon

Sacred Roots Farm • Young Life



A Throne, 5.1a

- Remember: Everything that happens in these chapters in Revelation happen around the throne
- His holiness and role as Creator
- Worship around the throne
- Awesomeness of the scene overwhelms us
- A sense of security
- A sense of hope

A Book/ Scroll, 5.1b-6

- John notices that the one seated on the throne is holding a scroll.
 - It is a scroll, written on both sides, bound and sealed
 - Ezekiel 2.9-10- contains what Ezekiel is to preach- written on front and back- lamentation and judgment
- John perceives that it is divine revelation... that it has to do with the future... with what is about to happen. Cf. Ezekiel 2, Daniel 12, Isaiah 29.11 - all point to God's judgment of sin and his redemption of his people.
 - John wants that- he wants the world released from bondage to sin and destruction and the redeemed people of God safe and secure.
 - Given what he has seen... given what he has heard... the promises
 - and we will discover he is right when He perceives it as God's plan for the future.
- A mighty angel speaks: who is worthy to open it?
 - Needs to be opened to happen
 - Voice carries to the end of the universe
 - Who is able to open it? Who has the character? Who has the right? Who has the power?
 - They search the universe... No one found with the power or the ability to open it, read it, and do what it says.
- John begins to weep... strong, unrestrained emotion....
 - Weeping in our world today...
 - Utter rebellion against our creator God
- Absolute Psalm 2-style defiance
- Sovereignty of God in jeopardy?

A Lamb, 7-8

- One of the elders speaks up

- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah
 - Genesis- Mighty
- The Root of David- Isaiah 11
 - David a mighty warrior
- Has conquered- already defeated sin and death
 - He is the warrior Lion...
- So what does John see when expecting to see this warrior lion?
 - A Lamb standing among the elders that had been slain
 - Here is the great mystery... the Lion is the Lamb
 - He has already defeated his opponents
 - Seven horns- perfect power, divine strength
 - Seven spirit... - the Holy Spirit; also seven eyes to see and be able to say to us I know.
- The Lamb has all the power... and all the knowledge. He is able... he is worthy... to approach the throne and get the scroll
- The Lamb takes the book... and the final act of history is about to begin. Redemption applied, paradise restored
 - The Lamb will take back what is rightfully his.
- The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders then fall down before the Lamb- they offer the same worship to the Lamb as to the one seated on the throne.
 - Each is holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense
 - Harp- prophecy about to come true
 - These are identified as the prayers of the saints- prayers about to be answered

Songs, 9-14

- The first song celebrates the Lamb's worthiness to open the scroll
 - The Lamb is worthy because he was slain
 - By his blood ransomed people for God
- Previously God's people Israel, cf. Exodus 19.6
 - Now all the nations
- Around the throne... creatures, elders, and now many angels... uncountable- Myriads- 10,000
 - Singing
 - Worthy is the Lamb to be worshiped
 - Every nation... Every creature singing: to God and to Jesus
- We are born to sing
 - God sings over us... so made in his image, we sing to God

- The verses that have given shape to the ministry of this church the last 25 years are taken from Isaiah 42.10-12 and they start out sing with joy to the Lord... it's a new song
- Exodus 15
- Psalm 96.1-4
- These songs exceed those. Exodus celebrates the liberation of God's people- the nation of Israel; Revelation celebrates the liberation of people from all nations.
- Four living creatures echo Amen
 - Elders fell down and worship
- The work of Christ is a continuation of God's work in creation in that it causes all creation to return glory to its Creator, whether willingly or by force, as the following chapters reveal.
 - Already heaven rejoices in the Lamb's triumph, not yet do we fully experience and enter into that worship.

So What About Us?

- Our hearts and minds overwhelmed
- Worship... Exaltation... Strength for today, Hope for tomorrow