

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 1, 2021

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Travis Brown, Pastor to Youth

### The Song of Ascent

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

### Congregation

*The Family of God*

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God  
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod;  
For I'm a part of the family, the family of God.

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## ADORATION OF GOD

**Call to Worship:** Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. —Psalm 111.1

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

#### Declaration of Truth:

Hebrews 11.8-11, 13-16

**Leader:** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

**All:** By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

**Leader:** By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised...

**All:** These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

**Leader:** If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

**All:** Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.



## *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

*The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God*

### **Hymn of Praise**

### *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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## **CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE**

### **Mission Moment**

*CMPC Preschool*  
Nancy Burkhart, *Preschool Director*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

## **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

### **The Gift of Music**

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

### *The Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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 three through 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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## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

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

Genesis 22.19-23.20

<sup>19</sup> So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba. <sup>20</sup> Now after these things it was told to Abraham, "Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: <sup>21</sup> Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram. <sup>22</sup> Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." <sup>23</sup> (Bethuel fathered Rebekah.) These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. <sup>24</sup> Moreover, his concubine, whose name was Reumah, bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah. **23** Sarah lived 127 years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. <sup>2</sup> And Sarah died at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her. <sup>3</sup> And Abraham rose up from before his dead and said to the Hittites, <sup>4</sup> "I am a sojourner and foreigner among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight." <sup>5</sup> The Hittites answered Abraham, <sup>6</sup> "Hear us, my lord; you are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb to hinder you from burying your dead." <sup>7</sup> Abraham rose and bowed to the Hittites, the people of the land. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "If you are willing that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me and entreat for me Ephron the son of Zohar, <sup>9</sup> that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he owns; it is at the end of his field. For the full price let him give it to me in your presence as property for a burying place." <sup>10</sup> Now Ephron was sitting among the Hittites, and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city, <sup>11</sup> "No, my lord, hear me: I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the sight of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead." <sup>12</sup> Then Abraham bowed down before the people of the land. <sup>13</sup> And he said to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, "But if you will, hear me: I give the price of the field. Accept it from me, that I may bury my dead there." <sup>14</sup> Ephron answered Abraham, <sup>15</sup> "My lord, listen to me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels<sup>[G]</sup> of silver, what is that between you and me? Bury your dead." <sup>16</sup> Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver that he had named in the hearing of the Hittites, four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weights current among the merchants. <sup>17</sup> So the field of Ephron in Machpelah, which was to the east of Mamre, the field with the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, throughout its whole area, was made over <sup>18</sup> to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the Hittites, before all who went in at the gate of his city. <sup>19</sup> After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah east of Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan. <sup>20</sup> The field and the cave that is in it were made over to Abraham as property for a burying place by the Hittites.

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



## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon**

“Family Matters... Because Family Matters”

Pastor John

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

## **OUR RESPONSE**

### **Prayer of Application**

### **Hymn of Response**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more (x2)

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield (x2).

Musing on my habitation,  
Musing on my heav'nly home,  
Fills my soul with holy longings:  
Come, my Jesus, quickly come;  
Van-i-ty is all I see;  
Lord, I long to be with Thee! (x2)

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee (x2).

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



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**CMPC Sermon Notes for August 1, 2021**

**Pastor John Batusic**

**Series-** *Abraham and Sarah: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25*

- **Message:** *"Family Matters... Because Family Matters"*
- **Text:** Genesis 22.19-23.20

**Family Life, 22.19**

- Back to Beersheba
- A mountaintop experience
  - Abraham and Isaac's
  - Moses, Elijah, Peter, James and John
  - Ours
- Life is lived in Beersheba... life is in the valley
  - Back to the Tamarisk tree
- Water... People
- We engage the world in the valley

**The Family Newsletter, 22.20-24**

- Hearing from family
- God's faithfulness: lots of children
  - Nahor is blessed... Another 12
- Purpose: introduce a new character, Rebecca
- Abraham doesn't know she is an answer to prayer... yet

**A Family Death, 23.1-4**

- Back to Hebron
- Sarah dies
  - Abraham's wife for more than a hundred years?
  - Mourning and weeping
- Honor the body
  - The value of ritual
- A burial place

**The Family Cemetery, 23.5-16**

- Interesting how much space is devoted to this
- Abraham's Admission: Sojourner
- Abraham's testimony: "A prince of God"
- Abraham's purchase: a model business transaction
- A family burial spot
  - Sarah, then Abraham, Rebekah, Isaac, Leah, Jacob

**The Family of God... Anticipating Eternity, 23.17-20**

- The Patriarchs' only land... is a cemetery
- Later, Israelites will own the land
- Sojourner identity

**So What About Us?**

- What really matters?
- Family... the Family of God
- Eternity