

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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The Song of Ascent

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

Congregation

I've Got a River of Life

I've got a river of life flowing out of me.
Makes the lame to walk and the blind to see.
Opens prison doors, sets the captives free.
I've got a river of life flowing out of me.
Spring up, O well, within my soul:
Spring up, O well and make me whole:
Spring up O well and give to me That life abundantly.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: "Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. e justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He."
-Psalm 40.4-5

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.

The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.

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*All Glory Be to Christ*

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its 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!

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CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE**Mission Moment****Pastoral Prayer****OUR GIFTS TO GOD****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***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

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

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!

His Word shall not fail you - he promised;
believe him, and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Colossians 4.2-6

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. **3** At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— **4** that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. **5** Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. **6** Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Pastor John

A River of Life

Series from Colossians: *Finding Our Identity in Christ*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought
Since Jesus came into my heart

Chorus:

Since Jesus came into my heart (x2)
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart

I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray
Since Jesus came into my heart
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,
Since Jesus came into my heart

I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know,
Since Jesus came into my heart
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for August 23, 2020

- **Series-** *Colossians: Finding Our Identity in Christ*
- **Message:** A River of Life
 - Colossians 4.2-6

- The letter so far
- A river of life: Genesis 2, Psalm 46, Ezekiel 47, John 8, Revelation 22
- First century world networks
- Paul's two subjects: Prayer and sharing our faith

Speaking to God About People, 2-4

- Prayer
 - o Acts 1
 - o Jesus, Mark 1
- What keeps us from praying
- Watchful
- Thanksgiving
- Foolishness of preaching
- The clarity of gospel presentation

Speak to People About God, 5-6

- Walk in wisdom
- Outsiders
- The opportune time
- Chronos and Kairos
- Responsive evangelism

So What About Us?

- Lifestyle audit
- Hudson Taylor