

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 30, 2020

## 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

*We're Marching to Zion*

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known.

Join in a song with sweet accord (x2)

And thus surround the throne. (x2)

Refrain: *We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion.*

*We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;

But children of the heav'nly King, (x2)

May speak their joys abroad, (x2)

Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry.

We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground (x2)

To fairer worlds on high, (x2)

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## ADORATION OF GOD

**Call to Worship:** "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. -Ephesians 20.20-21

### 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**      *Come, People of the Risen King*

Come, people of the Risen King, Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in.

Refrain: *Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land— Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands— Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing—Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all"!

## **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**      *The Church's One Foundation*

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

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;

one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain and cherish Is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her, And false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor She ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

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

Colossians 4.7-18

Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. <sup>8</sup>I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, <sup>9</sup>and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here. <sup>10</sup>Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), <sup>11</sup>and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.

<sup>12</sup>Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. <sup>13</sup>For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup>Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. <sup>15</sup>Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup>And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup>And say to Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord." <sup>18</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon**      *People of the Risen King: Everybody Has a Story*      Pastor John  
Series from Colossians: *Finding Our Identity in Christ*

## **OUR RESPONSE**

### **Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response**      *Blest Be The Tie that Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives Our courage by the way,  
While each in expectation lives, And longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, And sin, we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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### CMPC Sermon Notes for August 30, 2020

- **Series-** *Colossians: Finding Our Identity in Christ*
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#### The Diversity of People of the Risen King, 12-14

- A true community
  - o Paul
  - o Others
- Jews
- Gentiles
- Geography: Greece, Turkey, Israel....
- Blest Be the tie that binds: Christ

#### The Stories of People of the Risen King, 12-14

- Tychicus
  - o Beloved brother
  - o Faithful minister
  - o Fellow servant
- Onesimus
  - o Former slave
- Aristarchus
  - o Always present
- Mark
  - o Most encouraging
- Jesus called Justus
  - o Anonymous
- Epaphras
  - o Prayer warrior
- Luke
  - o Writer of more of the New Testament than anybody
- Demas
  - o Walked away...

#### The Humility of People of the Risen King, 15-18

- The church is bigger than you think, 15
- The church needs instructed, 16
- The church needs reminded, 17

- Paul's Chains, 18
- Grace

***So What About Us?***

- Loving Christ, loving the church
  - o It's about Jesus, it's about the people of the Risen King
  - o Our identity
  - o Your identity?
- We all have a story...
  - o Sharing our story
- We serve Christ
  - o Impact?
  - o Faithfulness