

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 8, 2021

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 *My Lord Knows the Way Thru the Wilderness*

My Lord know the way thru the wilderness -

All I have to do is follow;

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Strength for today is mine always, And all I need for tomorrow;

My Lord knows the way thru the wilderness -

All I have to do is follow.

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever...

(Give thanks) to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever... Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever. —

Psalm 136.1, 16, 26

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.

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 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing.
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending.
10,000 years and then forever more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. (I'll worship Your ho-ly name.)

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Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Gift of Music

A Joyful Doxology

The Orchestra

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* (*Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church*)

All the way my Savior leads me What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, Feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me, Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Genesis 24.1-14

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. ² And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh, ³ that I may make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, ⁴ but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac." ⁵ The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?" ⁶ Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. ⁷ The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. ⁸ But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there." ⁹ So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter. ¹⁰ Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. ¹¹ And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. ¹² And he said, "O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. ¹³ Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴ Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master." **All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"What is God's Will for Me?"

Pastor John

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

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
By his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done,
When, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for August 8, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

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

- *“What is God’s Will for Me?”*
- **Text:** Genesis 24.1-14

The Desire to Please God, 1-4

- God’s blessing
- Isaac needs a wife
 - Dilemma: where to find one
- Trustworthy servant is probably Eliezer
- Key: Isaac has to have a child if the covenant promises of God are to be carried out
 - Our salvation depends on Isaac getting married and having a son!
- The oath ritual
- The key battle: God’s will... or my will

We Must Walk By Faith, 7

- We must believe God will and does show us his will
- Abraham walks by faith in God and in God’s Providence
- Passive and active faith
- God’s will is not a hidden agenda
 - The Holy Spirit guides us through God’s word

We Must Be Willing to Obey, 5-6, 8

- Two things
 - The wife must be from Abraham’s family
 - She must be willing to come to Canaan to live
- God: We are not to marry unbelievers
 - No exceptions
- We must act within the parameters God gives us
 - When we do, God will give us further about his will

Verses 9-10: We will cover on August 15th

We Must Pray, 12-14

- Specific prayer
- Praying about who our children/grandchildren will marry if it is God’s will for them to marry

So What About Us?

- Our salvation depends on this: do we know Jesus?
- Walking by faith is a lifelong task
- Trusting the promises of God- and the Promiser
- Key questions:
 - Do I really desire God’s will most of all?
 - Do I have faith that God will act through his good providence?
 - Have I resolved that I will obey God’s will?
 - Have I committed to pray for God’s will?