

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 3, 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

*How Great Is Our God*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

### Refrain:

*How great is our God!*

*Sing with me how great is our God!*

*And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

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## ADORATION OF GOD

### Call to Worship:

Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. —Nehemiah 8.5-6

### 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**                      *Behold Our God*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus:

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King—nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

(Men) You will reign forever

(Women) Let Your glory fill the earth

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**Mission Moment**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**The Gift of Music**

*The Love of God*

The Orchestra

**Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

*The Doxology and Prayer*

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**    *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

### Reading of God's Word

Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. 7 *Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?* 8 *If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!* 9 *If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.* 11 *If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.* 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God How vast is the sum of them! 18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you. 19 Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! 20 They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain. 21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? 22 I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies. 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

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

### Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

*"Where Shall I Flee?"*

Pastor John

*Series: Timeless Questions from the Psalms*

### OUR RESPONSE

#### Prayer of Application

**Hymn of Response** *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

*Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!*

*Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him.

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my victory wins.

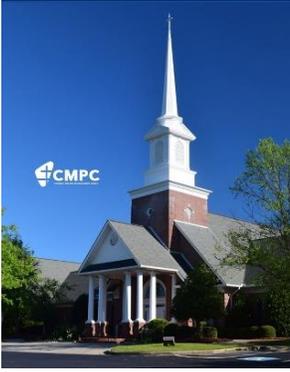
Jesus! what a Help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night overtakes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find.

He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

### The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for October 3, 2021

- **Series-** *Timeless Questions from the Psalms*
- **Message:** “*Where Shall I Flee?*”
- **Text:** Psalm 139

### God’s Omniscience, 1-6

- What prompts the question?
- God’s knowledge of everything
- Demonstrated in his knowledge of our everyday lives
- Such knowledge is overwhelming
- God’s love for us despite his knowledge of us

### God’s Omnipresence, 7-12

- How can I get away?
- David’s trip around the universe
  - We cannot be “lost in space”
- The darkness cannot hide us

### God’s Omnipotence, 13-16

- Causes him to contemplate...
- God’s power displayed in his making human beings
- Each human being is created as a masterpiece to display his glory
  - We praise him for how he made us
- The power of his providence over us: our days are set
  - We are immortal... until God takes us home.

### Three applications, 17-24

- These three doctrines are not just remote... but daily applicable
- The Mind of God
  - The security of knowing the mind of God, 17-18
  - God’s special thoughts about each one of us
- The enemies of God, 19-22
  - As we become zealous for God, we stand against the evil in society around us.
  - Our desire is not to heap guilt on people for past sins but to point people to the source of forgiveness and love, and that is Jesus Christ.
- The Invitation to God, 23-24
  - An incredible invitation to a God who knows everything
  - We see but a glimpse of God’s greatness
  - The cross

### So What About Us?

- Contemplating God
- Contemplating the World
- A humble invitation

