

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

God of the Ages

God of the ages, history's Maker,
planning our pathway, holding us fast,
shaping in mercy all that concerns us:
Father, we praise you, Lord of the past.

God of this morning, gladly your children
worship before you, trustingly bow;
teach us to know you always among us,
quietly sovereign-- Lord of our now.

God of tomorrow, strong overcomer,
princes of darkness own your command:
what then can harm us? We are your people,
now and forever kept by your hand.

Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning,
Lord of the future, help us, we pray:
teach us to trust you, love and obey you,
crown you each moment, Lord of today!

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Call to Worship: "There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."
—Psalm 46.4-7

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 *The Church's One Foundation*

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.

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

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 *Our God Almighty is Sovereign Still!*

(Children ages three through third grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

Amid the fears that oppress our day,
across the clouds that obscure our way,
one golden truth sheds its shining ray —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

Refrain:

Pow'r, Pow'r, God's pow'r.

*His holy purpose unchanging stands,
Pow'r, Pow'r, God's pow'r.*

He holds the world in his mighty hands.

Though wars may rise, and though kingdoms fall,
though ills may threat- en, and fears enthrall,
our God still lives, and he hears our call —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

Though fierce the fight 'gainst the hosts of wrong,
his Word is sure, and his arm is strong;
the day is his: raise his tri-umph song —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

When Christ shall come to receive his own,
His kingdom come, his pow-er, his throne,
eternal King he shall reign alone —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 11

In the Lord I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain, ²for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart; ³if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" ⁴The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. ⁵The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. ⁶Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. ⁷For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face..

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Living in a Fallen World

Pastor John

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for January 10, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

Series: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25

Message: Living in a Fallen World

- **Text:** Psalm 11

The Fallen World, 11.1-2

- A world in turmoil, 1-2
- Two possible paths
- American politicians: timid
- David Cameron boldly brings up the issues

A Legitimate Question, 11.3

- The world doesn't want to hear what we have to say
- We are fixers. We are Americans
- What can we do? No direct answer given

The Same God

- The great reality
- God's perspective
- God's examination
 - o We are called to be righteous—in right standing with God, and then living by His Word
 - o We are called to be good citizens: praying, seeking God's blessing, sharing the hope of Christ; Proverbs 11.11
- God and the wicked
- God is righteous: He loves us to live righteously
- Promises us heaven: culture of resurrection

So What About Us?

- Need for revival still rages
- Need to evangelize the nations still an imperative
- Prayer— Psalms 12 and 13
- Practicing righteousness
- Preoccupied with God and the hope of heaven