

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 14, 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

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.

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

Our help is in the name of the LORD. Who made heaven and earth.

-Psalm 124.8

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth: (Unison)

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (based on Psalm 90)*

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

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

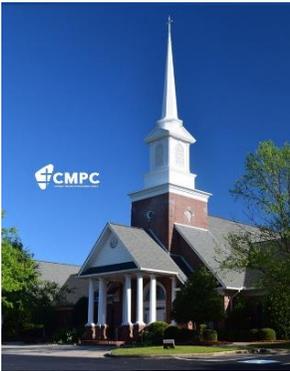
Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord (x2)
And thus surround the throne. (x2)

I find the Savior there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers, "Courage!" in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
and every longing satisfied,
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home.

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The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for November 14, 2021

- **Series-** *Timeless Questions from the Psalms*
- **Message:** *“The Journey: Where Does My Help Come From?”*
- **Text:** Psalm 121

The Situation, 1a

- Going on a journey-
- And the journey is to Jerusalem.
- The songs of ascent

The Question, 1b

- Sometimes this verse is taken out of context- people draw a sense of strength from the mountains...
 - But the psalmist is decidedly not looking to the mountains for strength...
- he’s looking for strength to face the danger that lies ahead | the mountains.

The Answer, 2

- My help comes from the Lord.
- Qualification: maker of heaven and earth.
 - It’s all his.

The Why’s, 3-8

- The key word: keep, 5
 - The Lord is your keeper... equal number of syllables come before and after “keeper” (in the Hebrew)
 - Not simply keep as in possess
 - Rather- an active word- keep, guard, protect, watch
 - What does it look like when God keeps us?
- The slippery trail, 3a
- Up all night, 3b-4
- Shade, 5b
 - Stay close
 - No danger from the sun or moon, 6
- All-encompassing, 7-8
 - Keep you from all evil
 - Your life
 - God’s providence
 - Going out and coming in- everything- From this time right now... and forever
 - How is that possible?
 - Not a perfect life in view here
 - Jesus

So What About Us?

- John Calvin
- MY help- can you say that?
- Do we believe it?