

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 15, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Song of Ascent

Jesus Messiah

He became sin Who knew no sin
That we might become His Righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross,
Love so amazing, Love so amazing...

Refrain: *Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from Heaven, Jesus Messiah... Lord of all.*

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled And the veil was torn
Love so amazing, Love so amazing...

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

Psalm 144.1-2

Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues subdues peoples under me.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

We Come, O Christ, to You

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,
The Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live
The more abundant life that earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you!

Declaration of Truth (Unison)

II Chronicles 20.27-30

They returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat at their head, returning to Jerusalem with joy, for the Lord had made them rejoice over their enemies. They came to Jerusalem with harps and lyres and trumpets, to the house of the Lord. And the fear of God came

on all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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 *How Deep the Father's Love*

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

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom.

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THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Genesis 14.17-24

¹⁷After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." ²²But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' ²⁴I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share."

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"The Clash of the Kings"
Series— *Genesis 12-25: Walking by Faith*

Pastor John

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Preparation

It is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to **know**,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

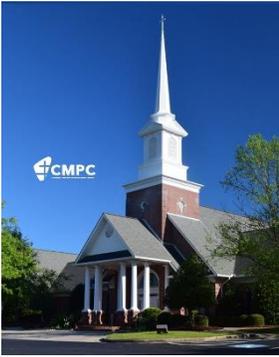
Refrain: *It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for November 15, 2020

- **Series:** *Abraham & Sarah: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25*
- **Message:** *The Clash of the Kings*
- **Text:** Genesis 14.17-24

The Holy Spirit as the writer of scripture

- The Holy Spirit as author
- The human authors
- Why Genesis has such few details about Melchizedek

The Returning Hero, 16-17

- Abraham and his friends defeat the Mesopotamian Empire, rescue Lot and other citizens from Sodom, other cities of the plain
- King Bera comes to meet him in the Shaveh Valley
- Abraham: entitled to everything he rescued
- Abraham: receives praise
- Remember, he served as a blessing to the nations here

Abraham's Walking by Faith Test, 18-24

- Tested by adversity/Tested by prosperity, cf. Proverbs 27.21
- A surprise visit
- Melchizedek, King of Salem (aka Jerusalem, cf. Psalm 76.2)
 - o Brings food
 - o Pronounces blessing on Abraham
 - o Reminds Abraham of why he succeeded on this journey.
 - § God is the source of blessing
- Abraham's response: gives a tithe to Melchizedek
 - o Abraham needed a tangible way to demonstrate with his life what he believed in his heart- that God had graciously provided for him and God had given him the victory.
 - o The tithe... and the sacrifice in giving
- King Bera of Sodom
 - o Watches... Hopeful?
 - o Note: no expression of gratitude
 - o Bera's Offer
 - § Opportunity for Abraham to grow richer
- Abraham's response- I'm taking nothing
 - o Does not want any confusion about his blessings: it's God alone
 - o How do we handle God's blessings

A Side Note: God's gift of salvation is pictured for us

- An undeserving Lot
- Lot's sin
- Abraham, his kinsman, intervened for him at his own cost
- Abraham rescues someone who does not deserve it

So What About Us?

- Are we tested by adversity... or prosperity
- Our Clash of Kings
- What in our lives tangibly demonstrates our faith
- What about our giving?
- God's gift of salvation.