

This Sunday at CMPC...

This Sunday we move to the final verses of Revelation 14 in our series *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*, as Pastor John looks at The Final Harvest. Even as we will gather with family and friends on Thursday to celebrate a Thanksgiving meal, we will come together as the family of God around the table this Sunday to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Then on Sunday evening we will come back together for worship as Pastor Ben look at Luke 10.25-37 and the parable of the good Samaritan in our ongoing series, Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.

Our Sunday hymns combine the themes of thanksgiving and the Lord's Supper. We will praise God with a new hymn we've recently learned, *His Robes for Mine*. Our hymn of testimony will be Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin's take on Psalm 103, *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)*, a modern-day classic. Our hymn of preparation for the Lord's Supper will be Isaac Watts 18th century classic, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. We will then celebrate the Lord's Supper with the classic Thanksgiving hymn, *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*.

Thanks to all who gave blood on Wednesday. 38 pints were given! If you missed getting a card for Kennedy, you can still get one today in the narthex. We will send them out Monday morning. Mark your 2023 calendar for February 1 for the next opportunity to give blood at CMPC!

Coming up:

This Sunday, Children's Ministry Appreciation Breakfast at 9:30am in the Nursery wing. This is for everybody who has helped with the children's ministry in any way in the past year.

Monday, *Mountain Climbers' Thanksgiving Dinner*; meal at 6, program at 7. Sign up in the narthex.

By way of reminder: **No** *Wednesday Night Alive* this coming Wednesday, November 23.

See you this Sunday!

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow ♦ **Text:** Revelation 14.14-20 ♦ **Message:** The Final Harvest

The Harvest Anticipated, Joel 3 and Matthew 13

- The coming harvest anticipated, Joel 3.13-19
- Jesus' Harvest Parables, Matthew 13
 - Parable of the Sower, Matthew 13.1-9
 - Parable of the weeds, Matthew 13.24-30
 - Parable of the weeds explained, Mathew 13.36-43

The Lord of the Harvest, 14.14-16

- Global Language
- An announcement, not a warning: Time's up
- A Son of Man on a white cloud, cf. Matthew 13.36-43; Daniel 7.13-14
 - Sharp sickle
 - Crown: victor's crown
 - Quite a contrast to Bethlehem
- Another angel calling to the Son of Man with a loud voice
 - Harvest time for the grain
 - Sent by God the Father
 - Probably bears out Jesus saying he did not know the time
- The harvest is reaped

The Grim Reaper, 14.17-20

Another angel with a sickle

- Another angel with authority over the altar /fire: we've met him before (cf. 6.9-11; 8.3-5)
- A divine assignment
- Remember, the martyrs are beneath the altar
 - The altar fire consumed animals completely
- Harvest of the grapes
 - The harvesting of the people of God involves the judgment of none believers
 - The language is borrowed from Isaiah 63
 - Five foot waves of Blood flowing for 184 miles; cf. Joel 3.19

- 200 miles covers Israel; or the square of four (representing the world: north, south, east, west, time the square of ten, indicating completeness: complete judgment/blood over the whole earth
- More than one commentator/pastor: the goriest verses in the bible

So What About Us?

- God's timetable
- Mighty to Save
- A table set for us
- Celebration of the Harvest to come

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 20, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

*As we quiet our hearts for worship,
please silence all electronic devices.*

Welcome and Announcements

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. - Revelation 1.6

Invocation

Declaration of Truth: I Chronicles 15.35-36

“Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!”

Hymn of Praise *His Robes for Mine*

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered ‘neath God’s rage.
Draped in His righteousness, I’m justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

Refrain: I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:

Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God’s daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
Saved by my Lord’s vicarious death and life.

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God’s beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!

His robes for mine: God’s justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father’s pleased.
Christ drank God’s wrath on sin, then cried “‘Tis done!”
Sin’s wage is paid; propitiation won.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Gift of Music *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness* Choir & Orchestra

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, And clothed me with His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness With power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough For every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth Is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow Him.

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 *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)* *(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children’s Church)*

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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THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Reading of God’s Word Revelation 14.14-20 Pew Bible, p. 1036

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon *The Final Harvest* Pastor John
Series– Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table: Those who have not yet come to the place in their lives of trusting Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are requested to let the elements pass. Please use this time to read Isaiah 53 (p. 613 in the Pew Bible) and I Corinthians 1.18-25 (p. 952), asking God to show you the glory of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a member of the pastoral staff or one of the elders after the service.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM

Join us tonight as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 10:25-37, The Parable of the Good Samaritan, in our series,
Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.

Hymn of Preparation *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #252

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Receiving the Bread and Cup: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. —I Corinthians 11.26
Please note: the bread today is gluten-free. Also, our custom is that we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Celebration *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* #715

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest-home:
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin:
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God’s own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God’s own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord quickly come, To thy final harvest-home!
Gather thou, thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest-home!

Word and Deed Offering: Today’s word and deed offering will be used to meet the needs of people in and around our community.

Declaration of Hope (Unison) Revelation 1.7; 22.20b

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.... Come, Lord Jesus!

Hymn of Parting *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vs. 1)* #32

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

The Benediction and Three-fold Amen