

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Please silence all phones and electronic devices.

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Ascent

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you Allelu, alleluia!

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among
the peoples! —1 Chronicles 16:8

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth

Rom. 6:17; 1 Cor. 15:57; Eph. 5:4; Phil. 4:6; Col. 3:17; 1 Thess. 5:18

Thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin

have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed.

Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place,
but instead let there be thanksgiving.

Do not be anxious about anything,

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Thanks be to God,

who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn of Praise

Lord, I call on You to help me;
If You're si-lent, un-re-spond-ing ,
When I voice my sup-pli-ca-tion,
When I toward Your ho-ly tem-ple

Psalm 28

O my Rock do not be deaf
I'll sink in the pit of death.
And I cry for help, O hear,
lift my hands to You in prayer.

Drag me not a-way with sin-ners,

those who work in-i-qui-ty;

Peace-ful-ly they speak to neigh-bors, As they're plot-ting treach-er-y.
Re-com-pense, re-pay them just-ly for the e-vil of their hands.
They the LORDS's works dis-re-gard-ed! He de-stroys them; they'll not stand.

Bless-ed be the LORD who heard me, for the LORD my strength and shield.
I am helped when my heart trusts Him; Glad-ly sing-ing, thanks I yield.
For the LORDS's their strength, their pow-er, For His king a shield is He.
Save Your her-i-tage and bless them; Shep-herd them e-ter-nal-ly

Psalm 28 (taken from The Book of Psalms for Worship Crown & Covenant) #28A Tune: Austrian Hymn

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

David and Jan Thomae
MTW Heads of Missionary Care

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

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 Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend.

Who would have thought that a Lamb

Could-- rescue the souls of men? -- Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: *You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.*

You give the healing and grace, Our-- hearts always hunger for. --

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper , Spirit, we long to embrace.

You offer hope when our hearts, Have-- hopelessly lost the way.

-- Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own.

Here in our weakness You find us. -- Falling before Your throne.

We're falling before Your throne.

THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Psalm 28

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, become like those who go down to the pit.² Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.³ Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts.⁴ Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward.⁵ Because they do not regard the works of the LORD or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more.⁶ Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.⁷ The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, with my song I give thanks to him.⁸ The LORD is the strength of his people; is the saving refuge of his anointed.⁹ Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon**"Inside Information"**

Pastor Ben

Series— *Timeless Questions from the Psalms***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness****Hymn of Preparation** *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

The Invitation to the Lord's Table: Those who have yet to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are asked to not take the elements. Please use this time to contemplate John 3.16. Ask God to show you the glory of Jesus Christ in his death for the forgiveness of your sins. If you're unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a pastor or one of the elders after the service.

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. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Please note: The elements on the table are an "all in one" pack of the bread (which contains gluten) under the cellophane and the juice under the foil. In addition, the bread in the small cups on the tables is gluten free. Also, our custom is that we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.

OUR RESPONSE**Hymn of Celebration** *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou has died for me:
Thy praise shall never nerve fail throughout eternity.

Word and Deed Offering**Declaration of Hope (Unison)**

Psalm 19.14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer.

Hymn of Parting***Give Thanks***

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (repeat)

Give thanks, we give thanks.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen