

This Sunday at CMPC...

This Sunday we come to the Lord's Table as we also continue in our series *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*. Pastor John will be looking at *Armageddon: The End*, introducing us to the final section of the book of Revelation; his key text will be Revelation 16.1-16. Then on Sunday evening we will close out the Lord's Day in worship as Pastor Ben continues our study in Luke 11.13-24 in our series Luke; *Becoming Certain About the Story*.

Our hymns this week focus on Christ and his work for us... two older hymns and two 21st century hymns. The older hymns are *Blessing and Honor and Glory and Praise*, which Horatio Bonar wrote in 1866 and Augustus Toplady's 1766 classic *Rock of Ages*. The two new hymns are Matt Papa's and Matt Boswell's *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*, and City Alight's *Not I, But Through Christ in Me*.

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* ♦ **Text:** *Revelation 16.1-16* ♦ **Message:** *Armageddon: The End*

- Much discussed, debated, feared... Armageddon.
 - A metaphor in our culture
- Whole counsel of God
 - What nobody likes to talk about
 - John 3.16
- Introduced in 15.1, 5-8
- An overview of Revelation 16-18

Broader Concepts/Themes

- Symbolic language
- Not as flashy as newspaper claims
- Old Testament background: 10 Plagues and Leviticus 26
- God is the source of wrath
 - An Old Testament/New Testament difference in God???
- Rooted in his holiness...his character
- Carries out justice
- Old Testament
- The shed blood of martyrs

World's Response

- Cursing the name of God
- Refusing to repent and give God glory
- Psalm 115.1

Our response

- Like "A Thief in the Night"
- Prepared
 - Knowledge (is power)
 - Roman's 8 assurances
 - Strong in the faith

So What About Us?

- The most egregious demonstration of God's wrath at the cross
 - No one ever more ill-suited than Jesus
- The Lord's Table
- Proclamation

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

January 15, 2023

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: Psalm 115.1 “Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!”

Hymn of Praise Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

Blessing and honor and glory and power, Wisdom and riches and strength evermore Give you to Him Who our battle has won Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Into the heav'n of the heav'ns has He gone, Sitting He now in the joy of the throne, Sounding the heaven of the heavens with His Name; Ringing the earth with His glory and fame.

Past are the darkness, the storm, and the war, Come is the radiance, that sparkles afar. Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower Echo His praises and tell of His power.

Ever ascending the song and the joy; Ever descending the love from on high; Blessing and honor and glory and praise, This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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 Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley, He will lead Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Reading of God’s Word Revelation 16.1-16 Pew Bible, p. 1037 All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Armageddon 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 11: 14-28, in our series, Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.

Hymn of Preparation Rock of Ages #499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's commands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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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 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, Behold the Wondrous Mystery Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven’s praises Robed in frail humanity In our longing, in our darkness Now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery He the perfect Son of Man In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption See the Father’s plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e’er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes

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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 Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb; Take we the robe and the harp and the palm; Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain, Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

The Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC January 15	
Lock-up	Bryan Cox and Mark Pignolet
8:30am	
Ushers	Dean Warnock, Don Shanks, Chuck Eidson, Eric Tucker, Marty Moore, Leon Darghosian
Greeters	Bob Bishop and Polly King
Infants/Toddlers	Merry Blair
Children’s Church	Ruth Ann Knight
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Jay Carson, Kim Reed, Andy Wald, Caleb Wald, Stephen Wald, Benjamin Wald
Greeters	Bob Bishop, Melissa and Jacob Batusic
Infants/Toddlers	Jennifer and Craig Cash
Children’s Church	Melissa Batusic
Junior Assistants	Allie Batusic and Caleb Wald
6:30pm	
Nursery	
Today	
8:30am, 11am	This Week at CMPC Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Service
Wednesday	
5:30	Wednesday Night Alive Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group



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