

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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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

Psalm 57.9-11 (Be Exalted, O God)

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.

For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;

And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God,-- above the heav-ens;

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

- Psalm 149.1,2,4

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth: (Responsive)

Selected Verses

Leader: "For the earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof... For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is Mine..."

All: "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, declares the LORD of hosts."

Leader: "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours."

All: "Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all...And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name."

Leader: But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly?

All: For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You."

Hymn of Praise*Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne*

Before Jehovah's awesome throne, All nations bow with sacred joy!
Know that the Lord is God alone; He can create and He destroy.
His sovereign pow'r without our aid Made us of dust and formed us men;
And when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again. (x2)

We are His people, we His care,
Our souls, and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honors shall we raise,
Almighty Maker, to Your Name?
We'll crowd Your gates with thankful songs,
High as the heav'ns our voices raise!
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Your courts with sounding praise. (x2)

Wide as the world is Your command,
Vast as eternity Your love.
Firm as a rock Your truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.
Before Jehovah's awesome throne,
All nations bow with sacred joy!
High as the heavens our voices raise;
To fill Your courts with sounding praise. (x2)

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE**Reception of New Member***Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Mission Moment

The Meals at CMPC's Mission Conference
Connect • Give • Pray • Go

Pastoral Prayer**OUR GIFTS TO GOD****The Gift of Music**

Jesus Shall Reign

Orchestra

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering*The Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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*Be Thou My Vision*

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(Children ages three through third grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true Son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**Reading of God's Word**

Luke 11.1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

Prayer of Illumination**Sermon**

Zacchaeus' Faith Promise... and Ours Pastor John
2022 CMPC Mission Conference Series: *Engage Until He Comes*

OUR RESPONSE**Prayer of Application**

Hymn of Response *Come, Behold the Wonderous 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
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The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for February 27, 2022

- **Introduction to the 2022 CMPC Mission Conference Season**
- **Message:** *Zacchaeus' Faith Promise... and Ours*
- **Text:** Luke 19.1-27

A Most Curious Story, 1-10

- Zacchaeus' curiosity, 1-4
 - o His background
 - o What he did
 - o Risk
- Four questions
 - o What was Zacchaeus' motivation?
 - o What was his intended outcome?
 - o What did the world see?
 - o What did Jesus see?
- A Stunning Summons, 5
 - o Jesus' interaction
 - o Shows divine knowledge
 - o Shows divine intervention and power
- Zacchaeus' Surprising Conversion, 6
 - o Comes down
 - o Joy
- A Sullen Reaction, 7
 - o The world's grumbling for now...
- Two declarations
 - o Zacchaeus, 8
 - § Hearing grumbling, he makes a stunning announcement
 - § Evidence of a changed life
 - § Half... and four-fold
 - Law: 20%
 - Means at the most only 10% of what he had could have been gained unfairly ($100 = 50 + 4x + X$)
 - o Jesus, 9
- Jesus' Mission Statement, Verse 10.
 - o Seek and save the Lost; Compare with Matthew 20.28, Mark 10.45
 - o Mission statement for his ministry comes from his Vision for his ministry, cf. John 3.16; Hebrews 10.5-7; John 17.4
- What is vision?
 - o The ability to see things as God intends them to be in contrast to the way things are. (Cortez Cooper)
 - § Jesus' vision: Habakkuk 2.14; Revelation 11.15
 - o The typical Jewish vision in Jesus' day: an earthly kingdom

- o Zacchaeus' vision aligns with Jesus' heart: Gives money over and above what's required to draw attention to Jesus- that Jesus had changed (saved) him, and hence can change (save) others

Faith Promise Giving: Giving above our regular tithes for the purpose of missions- supporting cross-cultural missionaries, church planters, and campus ministries, all with the goal of making disciples of all nations.

- Faith Promise giving is investing our resources in the proclamation of the Kingdom of God... to seek and save the lost

The Parable, 11-27

- Lots going on in this parable look at again in four weeks; we are particularly interested in their engagement until Jesus comes
- Clarity: Jesus tells it because they are expecting the Kingdom of God to come immediately in all its fullness- a kingdom that is an expansion of the earthly kingdom of Israel with Jerusalem as its capital.
 - o Some expecting Jesus to bring it about immediately.
- Main points
 - o The kingdom is not immediate.... time delay... Jesus going away for an indefinite period of time
 - o Hostility towards Jesus and his mission will continue
 - o Followers of Jesus are entrusted with the Father's resources and are expected to engage in business
 - § The King has high expectations of us
 - § Where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also.

Making a Faith Promise Investment

- It's about our hearts
- Where does the money come from?
 - o Sacrifice • Unexpected source • Special project
- How do we decide an amount?
 - o Contemplate what God has done for us
 - o Pray
 - o Pray for God's provision- giving to missions will increase our praying

So What About Us?

- Jesus sees the world differently than you or I do. Nobody in Jericho that day thought that Zacchaeus would be getting into the kingdom of God. Nobody. Not even Zacchaeus kidded himself about that.
- We must align our hearts with his heart
- Without a vision for how things could be, there is little incentive for Faith Promise giving investment, let alone praying and going
- Our gratitude and belief in God's promises motivate our giving.
- We are held accountable for how we use our resources.
- "I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of that kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by giving or keeping it I shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity." (Robert Moffat)
- The reward for investment