

**March 29, 2020**

**Gathering to Worship  
Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Gathering Song**

Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Ten Thousand Reasons)

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.)

## **Adoration of God**

Call to Worship: "The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!" - Psalm 99.1-3

## **Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation**

**Declaration of Truth:** Zephaniah 3.16-17

"Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

17 The Lord your God is in your midst,

a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

**Hymn of Praise    Fairest Lord Jesus    #170**

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

**CMPC Mission and Family Life**

Mission Moment/Our Gifts to God  
God's Provision

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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.

## **Hymn of Testimony**

What E'er My God Ordains is Right

What e'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;

I will be still what e'er he doth, and follow where he guideth.

He is my God: though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall:  
and so to him I leave it all. he holds me that I shall not fall:

Wha te'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me;

he leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me.

I take, content, what he hath sent; his hand can turn my griefs away,  
and patiently, I wait his day. his hand can turn my griefs away

What e'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, I'm drinking,  
may bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.

My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
and pain and sorrow shall depart. sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

What e'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;  
though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken.

My Father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall:  
and so to him, I leave it all he holds me that I shall not fall.

He is my God, though dark my road.

he holds me that I shall not fall:

and so to him, I leave it all

he holds me that I shall not fall.

## **Proclaiming the Word of God**

### **Reading of God's Word**

Zephaniah 1.1-2.3

## **Prayer of Illumination**

## **Sermon** (See the notes on the last two pages)

What on Earth is Happening?

The Back Story

Pastor John

Series: From Fear to Faith



## **Our Response**

### **Prayer of Application**

#### **Declaration of Truth:**

Habakkuk 3.17-19

Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in the Lord;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.  
God, the Lord, is my strength;  
he makes my feet like the deer's;  
he makes me tread on my high places.

**Hymn of Parting**      Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain : *Great is Thy faithfulness! (2)*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*  
*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

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!

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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### ***CMPC Sermon Notes for March 29 2020***

**Pastor John Batusic**

**Series:** *From Fear to Faith*

**Message:** *What on Earth is Happening? The Back Story*

**Text:** Zephaniah 1.1-2.3

#### **What did Habakkuk know... and when did he know it?**

- Habakkuk 1.5
  - Gary Elliott
- God's always doing a global work
  - Myopic
    - Myopia
    - Focused on our own world
- He had the book of Zephaniah

#### **Zephaniah: God's answer: a Day of the Lord**

- The Day of the Lord, 1.2-4, cf. 2.7, 2.14
  - Refers to the "Day" 17 times in 1.2-2.3
  - Starts out global- For the nations
  - For Israel... for Judah... even more narrowly, for Jerusalem
  - Later, we will see him expand his concern back out
- Is This a Day of the Lord for us... and the world?
  - I don't have the authority to pronounce that
  - We can look at scripture
  - God is the God of the storm
    - This is his storm
    - To not believe that is to put chaos in charge
- Fear- a story line that leads to faith
  - That's what we want to follow...
  - How to get there
- So is this a day of the Lord? Perhaps it is...
  - But to borrow from Tony Evans-A divine disruption
  - Would God have a reason to bring our world to its knees- to humble as he has?

## What did Zephaniah observe...

- Sin, 1.4-8
- Silence, 2.7
- Sin, 2.8-2.13

## The Day of the Lord reviewed, 1.14-18

- Obviously pointing to the ultimate day of the Lord

## Zephaniah's solution, 2.1-3

- A world in rebellion
- A church that has lost its course
- But what about my own sin....
- Be silent
- Seek the Lord
  - Cf. 1.6
  - Whatever else we are seeking
- Seek righteousness
  - Holiness rooted in grace
- Seek humility
  - A world caught up in me

## Judgment

- The righteous get caught up with the wicked- we see that in Revelation

## On Zephaniah's road to hope

- Our ultimate security is in how God regards us
- The faith that Zephaniah is moving to in chapter 3.14-17

## So What About Us?

- We should not be surprised about a diving disruption
- Be silent/fix thoughts on God
- Self-examine/Repent
  - A lot of finger pointing...