

Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

MAY 22, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Please silence all phones and electronic devices as we prepare to worship our great God.*

Welcome and Announcements Travis Brown, Pastor to Youth

The Song of Ascent *God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

Congregation *To the Ends of the Earth*

You are holy and just so gracious to us
How could we withhold Your praise
You are faithful and wise so majestic O Christ
You are worthy to be proclaimed

To the ends of the earth You are Lord
From the heavens all glory is Yours
We exalt You O Christ as we carry Your light
To the ends of the earth O Lord

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: "Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 'You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.'" —Nehemiah 9.5b-6

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaring Our Faith: Isaiah 43.1-2; Romans 8.35a, 38-39 **Leader:** But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

All: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Leader: What shall separate us from the love of Christ?

All: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God.

Hymn of Praise *Jesus Shall Reign*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till sun shall rise and set no more

Blessings abound where'er He reigns
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed

Chorus:

*To our King be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful He shall reign:
Jesus shall reign!*

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

To our King be highest praise...

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen!

To our King be highest praise...

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Recognition of 2022 Graduates

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Gift of Music

Rock of Ages

Brass Ensemble



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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

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

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus: *I am bound (I am bound)*

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for promised land,

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word Revelation 3.7-13 Pew Bible Page 1029

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

Prayer of Illumination

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Sermon

The Challenge of the 21st Century

Pastor John

Series— *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Be Thou My Vision

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.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen





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CMPC Sermon Notes for May 22, 2022

- Series: *The Book of Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*
- Message: *The Challenge of the 21st Century*
- Text: Revelation 3.10-13

Constant Commitment, 3.10a

- Kept the word
 - Patient Endurance
- I will keep you...

Coming Attractions, 3.10b-11

- The hour of trial
 - Short?
 - An eschatological promise pointing to the rapture?
 - John 17.15; 10.28-29; Romans 8.38-39
- Jesus is coming
 - Not necessarily just the second coming... an immediate help may be in view
- Spiritual protection: never in Revelation does it speak of physical protection
 - We are not immune from ups and downs; we are protected by the presence of Jesus
- Hold fast- persevere in the midst of trial
- No one may seize your crown- not your salvation but your rewards

Cling to the Promises, 3.12

- Four promises... or four aspects of the same promise
- Fear of living in the city
- A pillar in the temple
 - After the death of a faithful citizen of the city, a pillar would be carved and placed in the temple of the god he worshipped as a memorial of his faithfulness
 - Stability, cf. Isaiah
- Remember that Philadelphia gave itself a new name at least twice on a temporary basis
 - Name of my God... eternal union with God
 - Name of the city; cf. Ezekiel 48.35, The Lord who is There
 - Jesus' own new name
 - Intimacy/identity with Christ, ownership by Christ and security in Christ are in view

Cultivate a Listening Ear and Heart, 3.13

- Spiritual discernment is needed
- The role of the church

So What About Us?

- M&M's and Eggs
- Habits
- Open Doors
- Jesus and his promises
- The Church

