# Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian Church WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

May 29, 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

Jeremiah 6.16

Tune: Darwall

This is what the Lord says, "Stand by the roads and look! Ask for the ancient paths- ask where the good way is.

And walk in it. Yes walk in it and you will find rest for your souls."

#### **ADORATION OF GOD**

**Call to Worship:** And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

- Revelation 21.5-6

# Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

#### **Declaring Our Faith:**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.

The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.

# 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** 

Worthy of Worship

Worthy of worship worthy of praise, Worthy of honor and glory Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, Worthy of all of the offerings we bring.

<u>Chorus</u> You are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.

You are worthy, worthy and wonderful; Worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear, Worthy of love and devotion; Worthy of bowing and bending of knees, Worthy of all this and added to these...

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**OUR GIFTS TO GOD** 

Gift of Music All That Thrills My Soul is Jesus

Orchestra

**Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings** 

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** Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

(Children ages three through 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 Saviour He will stay I labour 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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PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

**Reading of God's Word** Revelation 3.14--22 Pew Bible Page 1030 All: *The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.* 

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** A Church – and World– in Peril Pastor John

Series- Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

OUR RESPONSE
Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response O Church, Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain; For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies;

An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" Reaching out to those in darkness. Our call to war, to love the captive soul, But to rage against the captor;

And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will fight with faith and valor.

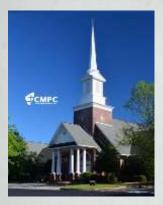
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, We know the outcome is secure, And Christ will have the prize for which He died—An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken; Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave, This vict'ry march continues till the day Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, Give grace for ev'ry hurdle, That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace, We hear their calls and hunger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

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#### The Benediction and Threefold Amen



# Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA cmpca.org CMPC Sermon Notes for May 29, 2022

• Series: The Book of Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

• Message: A Church- and World- in Peril

• Text: Revelation 3.14-22

- Memorial Day
- The World's Peril: Ukraine, Uvalde, Texas
- Political solutions?

# The World's Delusion, 13

- Laodicea
  - o Rich- prosperous
  - Looking good- wool
  - Healthy eyes
- Self-sufficient
- About the water
  - Would spit the water out... so bad

# The Church's Delusion, 17

- Their view
- But the city was seduced by its wealth- and it carried into the church
  - o ... proud of the riches and need of nothing
  - Wealth... means blessed
  - o Health... means blessed
- No pagan opposition noted; no Jewish attack; no theological or ethical challenge
- Complacent, self-satisfied, self-reliant

# Jesus' Truth, 14

- Based in he who he is
- The amen who affirms God's promises
- The faithful and true witness
  - Jesus gives the hard truth-Truth
- Beginning of God's creation
  - o Only through him will the Laodiceans receive renewal

#### Tells it like it is, 15-18

- Jesus' assessment Let me tell you the truth about yourselves, 15-16
  - Self-deluded
  - Nothing good
  - o Spit out... just like their water
  - o The church mirrored the city
- Realize: poor, blind, 17

- Counsel: 18
  - o Buy gold,
  - Garments
  - Eye-salve
- All those point to Christ! Note chapter 1
- Isaiah 55.1: Come to Christ for living water!

# Driven by love, 19

- Love motivates his rebuke
- Stunned by what he says
- Repentance
  - Responding to God's love
  - o Repentance must be expressed in zeal

# Jesus wants fellowship, 20

- This door imagery is directed to complacent Christians who need to confess their dependence and restore fellowship with the Master.
- Knocking at the door
  - o Be ready to greet the master when he comes home
    - Wedding feast Luke 12.36
    - The privilege is for those who hear the knock and open the door
    - The dinner in view is the wedding feast of the Lamb, 19.9

#### The Promise, 21

- Conquer:
  - Sit on his throne
  - Share in the Messianic rule

#### So What About Us?

- Listen, 22
- Jesus gave his life for a world in peril
- Scariest since the first letter
- Repent... and conquer