

Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA

Worship of the Living God

May 3, 2020

Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Gathering Song

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

We will stand...

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Call to Worship: “ I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.”
—Deuteronomy 2.3-4

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin, and the Invocation

Adoration of God

Declaration of Truth: *Deuteronomy 32.46-47*

Pastor: (Moses) said to them,

All: “Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.”

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
Mission Moment**

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 *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**Proclaiming the Word of God
Reading of God's Word**

Zephaniah 3.1-10

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon (Outline on the last page of this bulletin)
Spiritual Health in a COVID-19 World 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 Response

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 May 3, 2020

Series: From Fear to Faith

Text: Zephaniah 3.1-10

Message: *Spiritual Health in a COVID-19 World*

Judah's perspective

- Looking back: Asymptomatic
- No obvious symptoms that anybody sees.
- Complacency in chapter 1

Symptoms of a Struggling Believer, 3.1-2.

- Sometimes not obvious... sometimes it is.
- Calling sin sin, 3.1
- Diagnosing sin: four steps in a downward spiral to guard against, 3.2
 - Disobedience...
 - Avoid correction
 - Fail to trust
 - Distant from God

Spiritual Health of our Nation, 3.3

- Corrupt leaders- pursuit of power,

Spiritual Health of the Church, 3.4

- Absence of God's word from the churches
- Moral Therapeutic Deism: God is there to help us
- Lack of holiness

A Proper View of God, 3.5-10

- The Great Contrast
- The righteous God
- Jesus never fails
- An Expected Event, 3.8
- God as judge God's word: how firm a foundation
- An Unexpected Event, 3.9
- Grace!
- Regeneration: Zephaniah pictures Ephesians 2
- One shoulder/one accord, Revelation 17.9
- Worship! 3.10
- The Change

So What About Us?

- Moving from fear to faith
- Stunned by grace