

## WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

July 3, 2022

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

#### Prelude

**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** *God of the Ages*

God of the ages, history's Maker,  
planning our pathway, holding us fast,  
shaping in mercy all that concerns us:  
Father, we praise you, Lord of the past.

God of this morning, gladly your children  
worship before you, trustingly bow;  
teach us to know you always among us,  
quietly sovereign-- Lord of our now.

God of tomorrow, strong overcomer,  
princes of darkness own your command:  
what then can harm us? We are your people,  
now and forever kept by your hand.

Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning,  
Lord of the future, help us, we pray:  
teach us to trust you, love and obey you,  
crown you each moment, Lord of today!

### ADORATION OF GOD

**Call to Worship:** "The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: 'The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.'" — Revelation 11.15

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

**Declaration of Truth:** Psalm 47

**Leader:** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

**All: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.**

**Leader:** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!**

**Leader:** God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**All: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!**

*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** *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

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Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven,  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

### CMPC Mission and Family Life

#### Mission Moment

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### The Gift of Music

### Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

*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** *Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer* #713

*(Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*  
Great King of nations, hear our prayer, While at your feet we fall,  
And humbly, with united cry, To you for mercy call.

The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away;  
But hear us from your lofty throne, And help us when we pray.

Our fathers' sins were manifold, And ours no less we own,  
Yet wondrously from age to age Your goodness has been shown.

When dangers, like a stormy sea, Beset our country round,  
To you we looked, to you we cried, And help in you was found.

With one consent we meekly bow Beneath thy chast'ning hand,  
And, pouring forth confession meet, Mourn with our mourning land.

With pitying eye behold our need, As thus we lift our prayer;  
Correct us with your judgments, Lord, Then let your mercy spare.

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

#### Reading of God's Word

Daniel 1.1-6, pew bible page 737

#### Prayer of Illumination

#### Sermon

"The Delicate Balance: Born in the USA...  
Born Again into the Kingdom of God"

Pastor John

### OUR RESPONSE

#### Prayer of Application

**Hymn of Response** *God of Our Fathers* #710

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay;  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

### The Benediction and Threefold Amen

#### NO SUMMER IN THE SON 20/20/20 TONIGHT

We are taking one week off from *Summer in the SON* and will resume on July 10. Keep in mind there is also no *Wednesday Night Alive* this week (July 6) and that the annual *All-Church Picnic* will be on Wednesday, July 13th, here at CMPC.

The fun begins at four (bouncy house and water slides for the children, cornhole, and conversation!) and the food will be served beginning at 5 featuring Bob Burdette's famous barbecue. You are asked to bring sides and desserts (other than baked beans which Bob is also preparing!).

Serving Christ at CMPC July 3rd

Lock-up	Will McVey and Steve Wentz
<b>8:30am</b>	
Ushers	Jeff Widstrom, Alex Widstrom, Jeff Brack, Jack Souther, Don Graham, Jake Braselton
Greeters	Sarah Booker
Infants/Toddlers	Arlene and Dan Freeman
Children's Church	Andy Jobson
Junior Assistants	William Jobson
<b>11am</b>	
Ushers	Jay Carson, Kim Reed, Andy Wald, Caleb Wald, Stephen Wald, Benjamin Wald
Greeters	Bob Bishop
Infants/Toddlers	Bethany and David Batusic
Children's Church	Nathan Tunnell
Junior Assistants	Emma Tunnell
<b>6:30pm</b>	
Nursery	
<b>Today</b>	<b>This Week at CMPC</b>
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
	NO Summer in the Son
<b>Wednesday</b>	
	NO WNA



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Scott Allen • Bob Bishop • Jason Cunningham • Andy Jobson • Robert Martin  
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Unless otherwise indicated, all missionaries are with *Mission to the World*

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**Unreached Peoples**  
*Last names and locations withheld due to the sensitive nature of their situations.*  
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**Local Ministries**  
Adults Protecting Children • Center Point • Choices Pregnancy Care Center • Eagle Ranch  
Frontline Response (Out of Darkness) • Gateway House • Good News at Noon  
Sacred Roots Farm • Young Life

CMPC Sermon Notes **Text:** Daniel 1.1-6; selected

**Message:** *The Delicate Balance: Born in the USA... Born Again into the Kingdom of God*

### Seismic Shifts: Trying to Maintain Balance

- **Geo-Earthquakes**
  - Infrastructure and devastation contrast: Haiti and Chile
  - Fault Lines: Manila
- **Cultural/Political Earthquakes**
  - Global:
    - Islam's fights:
      - Against the future
      - For world domination
    - Economy
      - Food shortages
      - Energy supply
    - Technology
    - Nuclear war capability
    - Political oppression
      - Remnants of communism
      - North Korea
  - USA:
    - Population changes: ethnic, age
    - Cultural
      - Revising American history
      - Loss of truth
      - Evolution
  - Daniel: Taken into exile in a changing world, Daniel 1.1-2
    - The advance of Crown Prince Nebuchadnezzar, 605 at Carchemish, defeating Assyria and Egypt, then advances to Jerusalem
      - First of three exiles, 605 BC
      - Nebuchadnezzar succeeds Nabopolassar
    - Taking the sacred objects
      - His perspective
      - God's perspective

### God's Sovereignty: He Determines When and Where We Live, Acts 17.26

- Born in the USA 20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries
  - Bible: responsible citizens, Mark 12.17; Romans 13.1-7
  - Born Again into God's kingdom, John. 3.3,5
    - Allegiance to King Jesus, Colossians 1.13-14
    - Obey God rather than people, Act 5.39
- Temptation: Chestnut Mountain
  - Back porch/no other houses

- Gather family: Tunnel vision
  - Genesis 1.28: Changes everything
    - Matthew 28.19-20 and Acts 1.8: changes everything
    - Matthew 5.13-16: changes everything
    - II Peter 3.18 changes everything
  - Daniel taken into exile and chosen for leadership
- Delicate balance: American Patriot and Child of the King**
- Biblical Models: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: Hebrews 11.9,10; Lot's failure, Genesis 14, 19; Joseph and Esther
  - Parallel: God's people in exile
    - Withdraw and wait?
    - Jeremiah's challenge: the letter that changed everything, Jeremiah 29.5-7
      - Get involved in life, 29.5-6
      - Seek the welfare of the city and pray for it, 29.7
  - Daniel's implementation: Six vignettes, then 6 chapters of prophecy
    - Daniel 1: Make the best of a bad situation
      - Submissive courage
      - The power of humility (runs through his life)
    - Daniel 2: Certainty of Christ's triumph in history
      - Hope: Jesus wins
      - God uses nations: four empires
      - Revelation
    - Daniel 3: Christ's powerful presence in a crisis
    - Daniel 4: World leaders
      - Proud Heart of Nebuchadnezzar
      - Respectful approach of David
      - Right view of the church/state: inform each other, but separate spheres
  - Daniel 5: Courage to proclaim God's judgment
  - Daniel 6: Learn David's "secret"
    - Prayer
    - Civil disobedience

### So What About Us?

- Patriotism: more than a warm heart
  - Desire to see nation be righteous and making the right decisions
  - Prayer
  - Involvement: salt and light
    - Political arena
    - Community ministry
    - Being the church
    - Being citizens of both kingdoms
- Isaiah 33.5-6; Revelation 11.15