

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

JUNE 27, 2021

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Prelude

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

### Welcome and Announcements

Dee Hammond, Pastor of Missions & Outreach

### The Song of Ascent

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

### Congregation

*High Beyond Imagination*

High beyond imagination Is the love of God to man;  
Far too deep for human reason; Fathom that- we never can;  
Love eternal, love eternal Richly dwells in Christ the Lamb.

O my soul, admire and wonder; Jesus lived and died for thee;  
He has broke the bands asunder, and from bondage set thee free.  
Sweet deliverance, sweet deliverance Jesus Christ has gained for me.

Love like Jesus' none can measure Nor can its dimensions know;  
'Tis a boundless, endless river, And its waters freely flow.  
O ye thirsty, O ye thirsty, Come and taste its streams below.

Soon I hope to see His glory, And with all the saints above,  
Sing and tell the pleasing story, In the highest strains of love;  
And forever, yes, forever Live and reign with Him above.

## ADORATION OF GOD

**Call to Worship:** Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. —  
Psalm 111.1-5

## Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

### Declaring Our Faith (unison):

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**            *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew What the Almighty will do,

If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,

Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief Hath not he brought thee relief,

Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen Sound from his people again;

Gladly fore'er we adore him.

## **CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE**

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

#### **The Gift of Music**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Choir

### **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**                      *His Mercy is More*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Refrain: Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness New every morn'  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Reading of God's Word**

Genesis 21.8-21

<sup>8</sup> And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." <sup>11</sup> And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. <sup>13</sup> And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring." <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. <sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Let me not look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation." <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. <sup>20</sup> And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon**

“God Will Take Care of You” Pastor John  
Series: *Abraham & Sarah: Walking By Faith*—Genesis 12-25

**OUR RESPONSE**

**Prayer of Application**

**Hymn of Response**

*God Will Take Care of You*

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
God will take care of you;  
beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you.

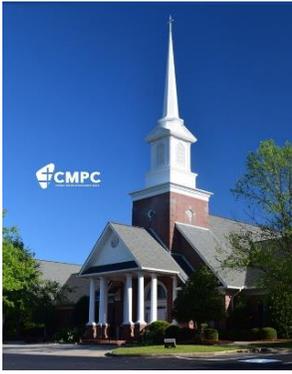
Refrain: *God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;  
he will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,  
God will take care of you;  
when dangers fierce your path assail,  
God will take care of you.

All you may need he will provide,  
God will take care of you;  
trust him and you will be satisfied,  
God will take care of you. [Refrain]

No matter what may be the test,  
God will take care of you;  
lean, weary one, upon his breast,  
God will take care of you.

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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CMPC Sermon Notes for June 27, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

- **Series-** *Abraham and Sarah: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-*
- **Message:** *God Will Take Care of You*
- **Text:** Genesis 21.8-21

**The Discord, 8-10**

- A celebration to mark Isaac's weening, 8
- What Sarah saw, 9
  - Will not say "Ishmael"
  - Ishmael is laughing/mockng – Galatians 4.29 calls it persecution
  - Ishmael no longer the center of attention, Isaac is
- Sarah's demand, 10
  - Cultural issues and inheritance
  - 17 is the age of Joseph when he was sold into slavery
- Sin has consequences
- Walking by sight and not by faith has consequences

**The Distress, 11-14**

- Abraham's love for Ishmael was real
  - Abraham was willing to accept Ishmael as he promised child, cf. 17.18
- Evidently Abraham prays
  - Abraham wants God to intervene as he did in Genesis 16
- Verse 12 is an answer
  - God's surprising answer
    - Don't be distressed
  - Quite a request!
- Listen to Sarah
  - Another step in learning to walk by faith
- Isaac is the child of promise and the true heir, not Ishmael
  - The Testament commentary/application
- Reminds Abraham about the promise he has already made concerning Ishmael, 17.20
- An emotional moment
  - How?
  - Obedience and faith

**The Departure, 15-21**

- Hagar and Ishmael anticipate dying, 15-16
- God is present, 17-19
  - God sees
  - God hears ("Ishmael")
  - God intervenes with water
- God's ongoing care, 20-21

**So What About Us?**

- God's offer
- Our concerns today
- God's Promise