

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

July 10, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Jason Cunningham,
Ruling Elder

The Song of Ascent

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

Congregation

Our Heart, Our Desire

Our heart, our desire
is to see the na-tions worship.
Our cry, our prayer,
is to sing Your praise to the ends of the earth;
That with one mighty voice
Ev'ry tribe and tongue rejoices.
Our heart, our desire
is to see the na-tions worship You.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O Servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant. For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession. For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps. — Psalm 135.1-6

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

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 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Ten Thousand Reasons)*

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing.
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending.
10,000 years and then forever more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. (I'll worship Your ho-ly name.)
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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 *O Father You are Sovereign* (Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

O Father, You are sovereign In all the worlds You made;
Your mighty Word was spoken, And light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons And bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses And stills the tempests' roar.

O Father, You are sovereign In all affairs of man;
No powers of death or darkness Can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, Supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children Secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign The Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows To gold of heavenly gain,
All evil overruling, As none but Conqueror could,
Your love pursues its purpose— Our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph Earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us Our faith springs up anew:
Our Sovereign Lord and Savior, We trust and worship You!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Revelation 6.1-8, pew Bible page 1031

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse

Pastor John

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *Our God Almighty is Sovereign Still!*

Amid the fears that oppress our day,
across the clouds that obscure our way,
one golden truth sheds its shining ray —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

Refrain:

*Pow'r, Pow'r, God's pow'r.
His holy purpose unchanging stands,
Pow'r, Pow'r, God's pow'r.
He holds the world in his mighty hands.*

Though wars may rise, and though kingdoms fall,
though ills may threat- en, and fears enthrall,
our God still lives, and he hears our call —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

Though fierce the fight 'gainst the hosts of wrong,
his Word is sure, and his arm is strong;
the day is his: raise his tri-umph song —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

When Christ shall come to receive his own,
His kingdom come, his pow-er, his throne,
eternal King he shall reign alone —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

SUMMER IN THE SON 20/20/20 6:30PM

Join us tonight as Pastor John looks at 2 Kings 3 and "We Three Kings," (a.k.a. "We Three Stooges") in our series, *Elisha: The Spirit-filled Life in a Wordless World*. 20 minutes of singing, 20 minutes of study, and 20 minutes of food and fellowship for the whole family. Tonight: Hotdogs

Serving Christ at CMPC July 10

Lock-up	Will McVey and Steve Wentz
8:30am	
Ushers	Jeff Widstrom, Alex Widstrom, Jeff Brack, Jack Souther, Don Graham, Jake Braselton
Greeters	Arlene Freeman
Infants/Toddlers	Anissa Mundy
Children's Church	Chuck and Deb Eidson
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Jay Carson, Kim Reed, Andy Wald, Caleb Wald, Stephen Wald, Benjamin Wald
Greeters	
Infants/Toddlers	Sarah Booker and Beth Wald
Children's Church	Nancy Burkhart
Junior Assistants	Paul Burkhart and Heidi McClendon
6:30pm	
Nursery	Marie Tiano
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30	Summer in the Son Hotdogs
Wednesday	
4:00	Church Picnic (in place of WNA)



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Frontline Response (Out of Darkness) • Gateway House • Good News at Noon
Sacred Roots Farm • Young Life



Seven Cycles of Judgment

- Seven Seals, 6.1-8.1
- Seven Trumpets, 8.2-11.19
- Seven Symbolic Figures/Harvest, 12.1-14.20
- Seven Bowls, 15.1-16.21
- Seven Messages of Judgment of Babylon, 17.1-19.10
- White Horse, 19.11-21
- White Throne, 20.1-21.8

<u>5.1-8.1 //</u>	<u>Parallels</u>	<u>// 8.2-11.19</u>
5.1-14	Introduction	8.2-6
6.1-17	Six judgments	8.7-9-21
7.1-17	Care Interlude	10.11-14
8.1	Climax	11.15-19

Overview

- 6.1-8: an indefinite period of time before the 2nd Coming
- The Four Horsemen (of the Apocalypse) represent conquest, war, famine, death
- Note the four horse figure comes from Zechariah 1.8 and 6.1-8: God rules the world
- What is described happened during the time of the Roman Empire and down through history including today
- No matter what happens in this world, our hope is in God and the promise of a new world
- Our confidence is in the Lamb who was slain being in control (He opens the seals)
- Angelic assistants: involved in world history; we are not aware

Book of Joel: helps prepare us, especially chapter 2, and within that verses 30-31; also look at II Peter 3.1-12, especially verses 11-12

- Seal 1: The white horse, 6.1-2
 - Conquest (some parallel with Jesus on the white horse in 19.11 but probably not)
 - Throughout history, empires and nations' have had conquest; cf. The 24/7 news
- Seal 2: The red horse, 6.3-4
 - Slaughter; Fire of God's judgment, blood shed
- Seal 3: Black Horse, 6.5-6
 - Famine: Exorbitant prices: A day's wages would buy only wheat for a day; Barley-lower quality, cheaper
- Seal 4: Pale Horse (*chloros*- pale green (death)), 6.7-8
 - Death with the abode of the dead
 - Death, famine, pestilence, wild beasts, Ezekiel 14.21
 - Warming up to final judgment: only 1/4 of the earth
- Seal 5: The Cry of the Martyrs, 6.9-11
 - Martyrs should give us pause
 - What happens to God's people while this is going on?
 - Poignant cry: How long?

- Cry for justice that emanates from God's throne
 - Want God's justice fully brought to bear and all evil eliminated
- White robe: reminder of victory and purity/righteousness
- More martyrs to come
- Seal 6: Great Day of Wrath a.k.a. The Second Coming, 6.12-17
 - Jesus returns in Luke 21.25-27 and Mark 13.24-26 immediately following the sun, moon and stars phenomena
 - Earthquake: God's presence brings earthquake; Exodus 19.18, Isaiah 29.6
 - Sun darkened, moon like blood, Cf. Mark 13.6-8; the shaking of the old creation in preparation for the new creation; Revelation 21.1; II Peter 2.10-14; Matthew 24.29-30; Isaiah 13.10; cf. Joel 2
 - Seven types of people in 6.15: complete judgment
 - Status won't matter
 - People flee like Adam and Eve
 - Day of wrath: who can stand
 - What about the wrath of God? The wrath of the Lamb?
 - God's just anger against sin and evil, cf. Genesis
- The final word for the world
- For God's people: vindication

Revelation 7

Interlude: Saint Protection, 7.1-17

- What about God's people?
 - Spiritual protection
 - Already seen in letter to the churches that some may suffer for their faith
 - Sealed from harm, cf. Ezekiel 9.4
- Two complementary pictures: Vision of the 144,000 in 7.1-8 and the great multitude in 7.9-17
- 144,000 Vision: Links with Israelite Heritage; everybody counts
- That same 144,000 becomes a great multitude from every nation in verse 9
- This scene is AFTER the tribulation, 7.14
- Angels hold back the wind so that God's people can be sealed
 - 144,000: Symbolic number of completeness: 12
 - The fullness of the people of God
 - The unusual listing of the tribal names: no Dan, Joseph & Manasseh rather than Ephraim & Manasseh, points to this being symbolic of completeness
 - Just Jewish believers?
 - God's work among the Jews hinted at in Romans 9-11?
 - 7.3's servants of our God would typically be Jew and Gentile believers
 - Equal statues of Gentiles with the Jews in the churches suggests that the distinction is obliterated

- Are known by God
- About the Great Multitude
 - The crowd and the promise to Abraham, Genesis 12
 - Palm branches are for celebration, cf. John 12.13
 - Tribulation is throughout the church age
 - “Great” points to a final culmination: intensity and finality of Christ’s coming
 - White robes: victory and purity
 - Blood of the Lamb is the cross: by faith appropriate his death for our sins
 - The victory song, 7.15-17
 - Sheltered
 - No hunger or thirst
 - Lamb at the center
 - Springs of living water
 - No more tears!
- We now anticipate Revelation 21.1ff and 22.1ff
 - But God’s plans have not been fully given to us
- Seal 7: Silence in heaven, 8.1
 - We would expect the Second Coming to be the climax, but there is still another seal
 - The 7th seal will complete the journey through history
 - Now we wait for what has been described to really him
 - The surprise: Silence
 - Zephaniah 1.7 and Habakkuk 2.20
 - In awe of the presence of God and the impending culmination
 - Builds tension

Our response: worship and witness

- Great Commandment/Great Commission
- Passion/Compassion