

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

July 24, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Dee Hammond,
Pastor of Missions and Evangelism

The Song of Ascent

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

Congregation

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before:
Christ the royal Master Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See, his banners go.

Refrain:

*Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before:*

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, On to victory:
Hell's foundations quiver At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, Loud your anthems raise.

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

-Revelation 7.9-10

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

Philippians 2.9-11

God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn of Praise

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace, The beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached And we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground, To freedom from our sin.

Chorus:

*Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!*

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than, Is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, To serve with love and grace,
That all who see Him shine through us Might bring the Father praise.

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, Can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see The harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace As He leads sinners home.

Chorus

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CMPC Mission and Family Life

Mission Moment

Reception of New Members

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

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

Facing a Task Unfinished

(Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

Facing a task unfinished That drives us to our knees-
A need that, undiminished Rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee Hold their unhindered sway-
Where forces that defied Thee Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying For life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying And pass into the night.

Refrain: *We go to all the world*

With kingdom hope unfurled.

No other name has power to save

But Jesus Christ The Lord!

We bear the torch that flaming Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition, To Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us, From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us To labor for Thy sake.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Revelation 7.1-8, pew Bible page 1031

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Who Can Stand? (part 1)

Pastor John

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Onward, Christian Soldiers (vs. 3-5)

Like a mighty army Moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.

Refrain:

*Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before:*

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise And that cannot fail.

Onward, then, ye people, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages Men and angels sing.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

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

Join us tonight as Jason Cunningham looks at 2 Kings 4:8-37 and "Shalom in Shunem," 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: Sloppy Joes

Serving Christ at CMPC July 24

Lock-up	Will McVey and Steve Wentz
8:30am	
Ushers	Jason Wallis, Tommy Hulsey, Brent Booker, Andrew Booker, Will McVey, Brady McVey
Greeters	<i>Sign up to serve at cmpca.org/greeters</i>
Infants/Toddlers	Ruth Ann Knight
Children's Church	Charlotte Owens
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Jason Cunningham, Mark Rush, Jack Hutchinson, John W. Batusic, Andrew Batusic, Jacob Batusic
Greeters	<i>Sign up to serve at cmpca.org/greeters</i>
Infants/Toddlers	Connie Parks and Beth Hall
Children's Church	Sarah Beth Gossage
Junior Assistants	Lexie Hall and Rainn Trotter
6:30pm	
Nursery	Marie Tiano
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30	Summer in the Son
Wednesday	Wednesday Night Alive
5:30	Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group



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Sacred Roots Farm • Young Life



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- The view we will follow:
 - The 144,000 represent the whole people of God
 - Some teach... 3.10
 - Why that is not the case.
 - 12 tribes of Israel- in the same way we see in Numbers 2 the 12 tribes gathered around the tabernacle
 - Next week; the 144,000 is parallel to the Great Multitude of verse 9
- Numbers are symbolic The multiplication factor of the number 144,000 is 12 (tribes) x 12 (apostles) x 1,000
 - The number 1,000 is used to describe a great number:
 - Moses speaks of blessing the nation of Israel a thousand-fold (Deut. 1:11).
 - God is said to keep His covenant and His loving-kindness to a thousand generations (Deut. 7:9).
 - Joshua speaks about how a single Israelite can put a thousand enemy soldiers to flight (Josh. 23:10).
 - The Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Ps. 50:10).
 - 1000 years are like a single day in the Lord's eye, (Ps. 90:4).
 - God's covenant with Abraham was for a thousand generations (Ps. 105:8).
 - These numbers aren't to be taken literally. When the Psalmist says that the Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills, he doesn't mean that number 1,001 doesn't belong to Him....everything belongs to Him! In the same way, the number 1,000 in Revelation is not limiting the number of God's sealed people to that amount.
- This is a description of the complete people of God
 - On earth, the world views the church as a small group of people

Where does all this take place?

- We've been in the throne room of heaven
- That's where the orders are giving
- But the activity is on earth

So What About Us?

- God will preserve his people spiritually In the midst of the trials and tribulations of this present evil age
- There will be trials and struggles; cf. the letters
- Remember we are sealed
- God is the one protecting his sealed.
- Facing an Unfinished Task
- Onward Christian Soldiers, lifting high Jesus' name, engaged in spiritual battle

CMPC INFORMATION UPDATE

July 24, 2022

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship! Following the services, our pastoral staff would love to meet you. Contact churchoffice@cmpca.org to receive email updates and prayer requests. You can also watch *This Sunday at CMPC* on CMPC's Facebook page.

BLOOD DRIVE The *Lifesouth* Bloodmobile will be in the CMPC parking lot from 1-8pm on July 27. Sign up slots are available (but not required) in the Welcome Center. Please plan to donate!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS "On Being Presbyterian" an 8-week class for those new to the PCA or anyone seeking a better understanding of Presbyterian doctrine and practice. Taught by Jason Cunningham, room 114.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE CLASS... (*Not So Famous*) *Amos*, a study of the book of *Amos*, taught by Pastor John in the Harvest Room.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: *Wednesday Night Alive* teachers for 4's and 5's and *Sunday School* teachers for 2's & 3's. See Pastor John or Mike Owens when he returns from Germany.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MEMBERSHIP CLASS... meets today at 5pm in Room 213. For more information, please see Pastor John.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Ladies!! Mark your calendars for our upcoming events. **Friday, August 19** is Game Night; **Friday, September 9** is Movie & Devotional; **Friday, September 24** is Feed You Soul - Faithful Living in a Secular World; **October** will be a Bonfire; **Thursday, December 8** is our annual Christmas Tea.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS will be received from the congregation to nominate men who will serve CMPC as Elders and Deacons through July 31st. As you consider making nominations, (1) Read the qualifications for deacon and overseer-elder in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9. (2) Prayerfully reflect on whether the man (or men) you seek to nominate has/have displayed gifting for the office of deacon or overseer-elder. (3) Consult with Pastor John to make sure nominees are members in good standing. (4) Get the permission of those you nominate to accept your nomination. (5) Fill out one of the nomination forms that will be on the narthex table and turn it in via the offering plate or to John. Nominees will go through an officer training course at CMPC and interview with the Session before being recommended to the congregation for election. Those that are elected will serve four-year terms. Thank you for prayerfully participating in this key part of Jesus' ongoing ministry by the power of the Holy Spirit through CMPC.

MISSION JOURNEYS ARE HAPPENING! CMPC sent over 20 people (students and adults) on Mission Journeys this summer to Mission Camp, BridgeMont Camp, Bulgaria and Berlin. The journeys are almost fully funded, thanks to your support! To contribute, please use the giving envelopes in the pew racks.

ALARM SYSTEM The security system at CMPC will arm automatically every evening, after the conclusion of normal church activities. If you need to enter and don't have an alarm code, the system can be controlled remotely by Floy Jumper (770-500-6182) and Chad Trotter (706-372-4927).

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* ♦
Text: Revelation 7.1-8 ♦ **Message:** *Who Can Stand? (part 1)*

- What happens to the people of God on earth during seals one to six?
- The chapter raises questions... the answers are quite encouraging

How Does Chapter 7 Fit In?

- An interruption
 - Technique John uses twice (also in 8.7 -11.19)
 - Inserted between seals 1-6 and seal 7
- Revelation not in chronological order as to events but rather we have the chronological order that John receives his vision in.
- Chapter seven is an interlude... a time out, if you will...
 - Helps us anticipate a delay... a delay in the second coming
 - Builds anticipation
 - Parallel in time frame to the events of chapter 6
 - And parallel to the letters in Revelation 2-3
 - Gives another perspective of how God's people on earth will deal with the flow of human history
- John described more of what is going on in heaven... and in the universe... during seals 1 through 6.
 - What John will see as we move along through Revelation is different perspectives of the same event.
 - In 7.3, when that instruction is given, the earth has not been harmed as described in 6.12-14.
 - In other words, chapter seven describes an order of reality simultaneous with the events of chapter 6.
 - Chapter 7 is a fuller answer to chapter 6: who can stand.

Why this Holding Back

- 4 angels from Zechariah 6
- Holding back the coming judgment
- What's just been described in chapter 6...
- God is holding back.

What is the Sealing?

- Ezekiel 9: people sealed when Jerusalem destroyed
- The Exodus.. the blood 12.7, 13, 22-28- people marked who will be spared
- Sealing...
 - Protection, see 7.3 and 16.2
- The angel who speaks- notice he has the seal
 - A seal not for judgment but protection and peace
- What are the sealed with?
 - The seal is the name of Christ and of God, cf. 14.1
 - Later, imitated... but not seal, just a mark on non-believers
- Seal: the protective authority of God
 - In Deuteronomy 6.8, the binding of God's law on the Israelites' foreheads and hands symbolized his sovereignty over their thoughts and actions
 - The one's who stand are those banded with the Lamb's seal of ownership
 - God's people are sealed for their security and protection
- Baptism/Holy Spirit seal us and confirm Psalm 100.3
- The sealing takes place as people become believers throughout the time period between Christ's ascension and his return

Who are the 144,000

- Differing views:
 - Some believe the church is raptured between chapters 3 and 4, though there is nothing in the text about it. The one verse cited is Revelation 3.10.
 - They suggest this represents a Jewish remnant become believers during THE tribulation who need God's protection in the tribulation
 - They also suggest that the word church is not used after chapter 3.
- Why pursue another view?
 - The problems with this view:
 - The list here is similar to the lists in Numbers at first glance.
 - The list does not match any OT list
 - Judah listed first here but never in the Old Testament
 - 12 sons... no Dan but both Joseph and Manasseh
 - If it's the twelve sons who inherited the land, ... Joseph and Manasseh present as is Levi, but not Ephraim
 - The promise made to them is the same as the promise made to all overcomers in the letter to Philadelphia, 3.12, to write on them the name of God
- However, Galatians 6.16 makes the church equivalent to Israel: And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.
 - Ephesians 2.12-18, especially 14: has made us both one....