

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

JULY 25, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind... May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works... I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.
—Psalm 104.1-3; 31-34

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.

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 *O Worship the King*

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your power has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless might! Ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

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Mission Moment

Alex & Maggie Halbert

Serving with *Mission to the World* in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

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 *By His Wounds/Nothing But the Blood*

He was pierced for our transgressions He was crushed for our sins
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him
And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed

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We are healed by Your sacrifice And the life that You gave
We are healed for You paid the price By Your grace we are saved
We are saved

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And by His wounds, by His wounds

What can wash away my sin? nothing but the blood of Jesus;
what can make me whole again? nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain: O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
this is all my righteousness—
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Genesis 22.15-19

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"Is Your Faith Real?"

Pastor John

Series from Genesis 12-25- Abraham & Sarah: Walking by Faith

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Now I Belong to Jesus

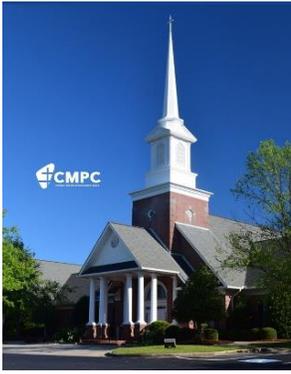
Jesus, my Lord, will love me forever, From him no pow'r of evil can sever;
He gave his life to ransom my soul, now I belong to Him.

Refrain: *Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me,
Not for the years of time alone, but for eternity.*

Once I was lost in sin's degradation; Jesus came down to bring me salvation,
Lifted me up from sorrow and shame, now I belong to him.

Joy floods my soul for Jesus has saved me,
freed me from sin that long had enslaved me;
His precious blood he gave to redeem, now I belong to him.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for July 25, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

Series- *Abraham and Sarah: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25*

• **Message:** *"Is My Faith Real?"*

• **Text:** Genesis 22.15-19

- A common question

The Object of Real Faith, 22.13-14

- Abraham: "I ____."
- Do we trust in our obedience?
- Abraham obeyed... but God provided the sacrifice
- Abraham's most prominent memory: The Lord will provide
- The element of fear

The Evidence of Real Faith, 122.5-16

- Real faith is what God is looking for
- Real faith is always demonstrated, James 2.14ff
- James appeals to Genesis 22
- Genesis 22 is proof that Genesis 15.6 is true, cf. James 2.18

The Hope Produced by Real Faith, 22.17-19

- The greatest need in the world today is hope
 - What people hope in today...
- Abraham's hope
 - John 8.56 and Galatians 3.8
 - The announcement is Genesis 22; also Hebrews 11.17-19
- The basis of Abraham's hope is God's word; God's promises produce hope
- Proverbs 23.18
- Zechariah 9.12
- Titus 2.8
- I Thessalonians 1,3
- Adoniram Judson: My future is as bright as the promises of God.
- Jesus, John 14
- Hebrews 6.13
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So What About Us?

- Is my faith real?
 - What is the object of my faith?
 - What is the evidence of my faith?
 - Do I have hope spring from my faith?