

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 15, 2021

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Prelude

*Please silence all phones and electronic devices.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Song of Ascent

*Jesus Messiah*

He became sin Who knew no sin That we might become His Righteousness.  
He humbled himself and carried the cross, Love so amazing, Love so amazing...

Refrain: *Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,  
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from Heaven, Jesus Messiah... Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine, Broken and poured out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled And the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing...

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## ADORATION OF GOD

**Corporate Call to Worship:** Genesis 22.7-8, 14; John 1.29; Revelation 5.12-13

Leader: Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son."

All: *So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."*

Leader: The next day (John) saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

All: *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"*

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: *"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

## Invocation

### Hymn of Praise

*God, the Uncreated One*

God, the uncreated one The author of salvation  
Who wrote the laws of space and time And fashioned worlds to his design  
The one whom angel hosts revere Hung the stars like chandeliers  
Numbered every grain of sand Knows the heart of every man  
He is king forever He is king forever He is king forevermore  
God, our fortress and our strength The rock on which we can depend  
Matchless in his majesty His power and authority  
Unshaken by the schemes of man Never-changing, Great I AM

Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall He is faithful through it all  
Crown him king forever Crown him king forever Crown him king forevermore  
Mighty God in mortal flesh Forsaken by a traitor's kiss  
The curse of sin and centuries Did pierce the lowly prince of peace  
Oh lifted high, the sinless man Crucified, the spotless lamb  
Buried by the sons of man Rescued by the father's hand  
To reign as king forever Reign as king forever Reign as king forevermore

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## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**The Gift of Music**

*This World is Not My Home*

Quartet

## Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*The Doxology and Prayer*

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

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still,  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

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## THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Genesis 24.10-67

(See Sermon Notes below)

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

## Prayer of Illumination

**Sermon**

*"Doing God's Will"*

Pastor John

Series– *Genesis 12-25: Walking by Faith*

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

**Hymn of Preparation**

*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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**The Invitation to the Lord's Table:** Those who have yet to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are asked to not take the elements. Please use this time to contemplate John 3.16. Ask God to show you the glory of Jesus Christ in his death for the forgiveness of your sins. If you're unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a pastor or one of the elders after the service.

**Receiving the Bread and Cup:** For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

*Please note: The elements on the table are an "all in one" pack of the bread (which contains gluten) under the cellophane and the juice under the foil. In addition, the bread in the small cups on the tables is gluten free. Also, our custom is that we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.*

## OUR RESPONSE

**Hymn of Celebration** *It is Well With My Soul*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to **know**,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

*It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul);  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

The trumpet shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.

**Word and Deed Offering:** Please note the special plates designated for this offering which is for the financial needs within the Body and the Community.

**Declaration of Hope (Unison)**

Proverbs 3.5-6

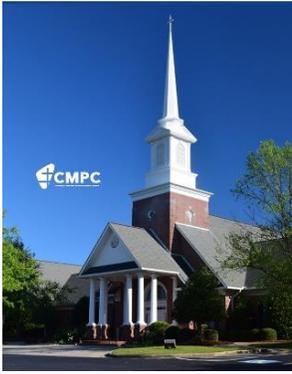
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**Hymn of Parting**

*God the Uncreated One*

King eternal, God of grace We crown you with the highest praise  
Heaven shouts and saints adore "You're holy, holy, holy, Lord!"  
What joy in everlasting life All is love and faith is sight  
Justice rolls and praises rise At the name of Jesus Christ  
King of kings forever King of kings forever King of kings forevermore

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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**CMPC Sermon Notes for August 15, 2021**

**Pastor John Batusic**

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

- **Message:** "Doing God's Will"
- **Text:** Genesis 24.10-67

**So Far...**

- The Desire to Obey
- The Faith God Will Lead
- The Resolve to Obey
- The Prayer for Direction
- Finally, Doing God's Will

**Diligent Preparation, 24.10**

- Considers the task

**God Provides Direction/God's Will Revealed, 24.15-25**

- Rebekah's actions reveal her character, 24.15-21
- Courteous
- Servant heart- kindness to strangers
- Exhausting service
- Surprise: she's beautiful
- But note: physical appearance was not part of the search
- What are you looking for in a husband? A wife?
- Rewarded- a year's salary! 24.22
- Excessive tips...
- Amazing discovery- family! 24.23-25
- God has answered prayer!

**When God Makes His Will/Way Clear, 24.26-27**

- Worship and thanksgiving
- She hears Abraham's name when he prays again

**Confirmation of God's Will from others, 24.28-54a**

- Bethuel and Laban say yes
- Others who see that God's direction is what we think God's direction is

**Acting on God's Will, 24.54b-61**

- We must go back
- Knowing God's will leads to a sense of urgency

**The Aftermath of Doing God's Will, 62-67**

- Here Comes the Bride, 62-67

- The joy of God's will
- Marriage
- And he loved her...
- The feeling follows the fact
- The joy follows the obedience

***So What About Us?***

- The Benefits of Christ
  - God's will
  - The principle of God's provision
    - Today... at this table.... Our greatest reminder of God's provision