

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 12, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements
Ministries

Ben Phillips, Pastor of

The Song of Ascent

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

Congregation

Every Promise of Your Word

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

For Your covenant is sure,

And on this I am secure—

I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,

So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Guilt to innocence restored,

You remember sins no more—

So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,

And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Through this dark and troubled land

You will guide me with Your hand

As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

And You've promised to complete

Ev'ry work begun in me—

So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,

As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,

And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Grace sufficient, grace for me,

Grace for all who will believe—

We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

—Psalm 119.89-90

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

Psalm 119.133-136

Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

Hymns of Praise *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 threaten, 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 triumph song —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

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

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

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 *How Firm a Foundation*

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

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Psalm 119.81-88 My

soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. 82 My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?" 83 For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes. 84 How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me?

85 The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to your law.

86 All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me! 87 They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. 88 In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

When Will You Comfort Me?"
Series: Timeless Questions from the Psalms

Pastor John

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

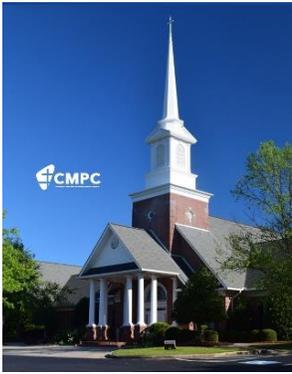
A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little **word** shall fell him.

That **word** above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for September 12, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

Series- *Timeless Questions from the Psalms*

- **Message:** "When Will You Comfort Me?"
- **Text:** Psalm 119.81-88

Promise One: Blessing

- Psalm 119.1-2
- "Joyful contentment"
- The whole heart
- The Bible is a blessing to everybody
- John 20.31

Promise Two: Practice

- Psalm 119.3-4
- The premise: we are to practice God's word
- Learning obedience
- Sin is not taking God at His word that God has the best way for us to live.
- Psalm 119.11: guarding our behavior
- Psalm 119.105: guiding our behavior
- Psalm 119.32 God's word frees us to enjoy life to the fullest

Promise Three: Desire

- Psalm 119.5, 9
- Successful practice is rooted in desire
- Desire to read God's word so that we know God
- Desire to practice God's word is key to defeating sin

Promise Four: Goal

- Psalm 119.7, 8
- What is our goal?
- If it is to make a perfect world, we will be disappointed.
- Goal is to glorify God
- God's word: Deuteronomy 32.47. John 6.68, 20.31
- Psalm 119.30, 97

So What About Us?

- Putting ourselves in jeopardy
- Our comfort is the promises of God
- Advice from God, Joshua 24.15