

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 19, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Ben Phillips, Pastor of Ministries

Song of Ascent

O God Our Help In Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God, To endless years the same.

ADORATION OF GOD

Corporate Call to Worship:

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly.

While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:

Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past

Save into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;

Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!

All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;

Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find;

Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.

Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;

False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;

Let the healing streams bound; make and keep me pure within;

Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Terry Ensley
Equipping Leaders International

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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

In Christ Alone

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

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, Seek my face. My heart says to you, Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father & my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Whom Shall I Fear" Dee Hammond, Pastor of Missions & Evangelism
Series: Timeless Questions from the Psalms

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn of Preparation *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*
How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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 Response *Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart (x2)

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within
upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me. (x2)

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace,
one with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased with His blood,
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God! (x2)
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Declaration of Hope (Unison)

Romans 8:37-39

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn of Parting

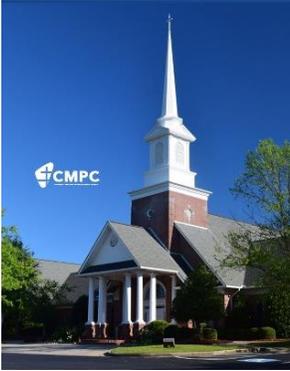
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The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for September 19, 2021

Pastor Dee Hammond

Series- *Timeless Questions from the Psalms*

- **Message:** “*Whom Shall I Fear?*”
- **Text:** Psalm Psalm 27

➤ **Questioning in the Christian Life**

- What do we primarily focus on?
- Keeping company with King David
- People in today’s world are asking lots of questions
 - Christians & non-Christians
- Whom shall I fear?
 - Believe, pray, and wait

➤ **We believe** (vs. 1-6)

- What we are to believe concerning fear
- Christians are people who believe
- Mark 9.24 – What about unbelief?
- The context: 1 Samuel 22-23 ... and many other situations
- Fear is a tricky thing! What causes you to fear?
 - In the day of trouble: fear (1,3), enemies (2,3,6,11,12), war (3), trouble (5), crying out (7), God is distant (9), abandonment (10), slander (12)
- No reason to fear!

➤ **We pray** (vs. 7-12)

- How we are to pray in the face of fear
- When our heads and hearts don’t match up
- The Umbrella Request: Asking for God’s presence
- How do we know the Lord is present?
 - The Lord is light in the midst of darkness (1), salvation (1), refuge (1), hide me in his shelter (5), lift me high upon a rock (5), He is gracious (7), He is faithful to be our help (9), He takes us in when we are abandoned (10), He is good (13)

➤ **We wait** (vs. 13-14)

- Those who wait on the Lord will be the strongest and most courageous (Isaiah 40.28-31)
- How should we wait?
- John 14.25-27: “(27) *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*”

- 1 Corinthians 11.26: *“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.”*