

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 17, 2021

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

*Please silence all phones and electronic devices.*

## Welcome and Announcements

**Song of Ascent**

*Ancient Words*

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the ancient words impart  
Words of Life, words of Hope Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home

Refrian:

*Ancient words ever true Changing me and changing you  
We have come with open hearts Oh, let the ancient words impart*

Holy words of our Faith Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice Oh heed the faithful words of Christ  
Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world

They resound with God's own heart Oh let the ancient words impart

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## ADORATION OF GOD

**Corporate Call to Worship:**

Psalm 29.1-4

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name

All: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

All: *The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.*

Invocation

**Hymn of Praise**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright  
That givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart  
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
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## **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**

*Wonderful Words of Life*

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

Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty Teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: *Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.*

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all Wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given, Wooing us to heaven.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify forever.

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

**Prayer of Illumination**

Sermon "Who Can Discern His Errors?" Psalm 19  
Series- Timeless Questions from the Psalms Pastor John

**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

**OUR RESPONSE**

Hymn of Celebration 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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**Declaration of Hope (Unison)**

Psalm 19.14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer

**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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**Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.

<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup>Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul; making wise the simple;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;  
the rules of the LORD are true,  
and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>Who can discern his errors?  
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.



## Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA

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CMPC Sermon Notes for October 17, 2021

- Series- *Timeless Questions from the Psalms*
- Message:  
    *"Who Can Discern His Errors?"*
- Text: Psalm 19

- Radio waves from the middle of the Milky Way: the galaxy speaks
- We do not live in a silent universe
- CS Lewis: *I take this to be the greatest poem in the psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world.*
- How does David move from the stars to the timeless question, Who can discern his errors?

### The Voice of Natural (General) Revelation, 1-6b

- The stars- the splendor and pageantry of creation
- Night and Day
- The sun across the sky
- A Glory beyond the dimensions of the human mind
  - Power
  - Faithfulness
  - Perspective
- The creation is not God but points to God
- God created the universe with his word, and the universe makes his word known
- This revelation is made known to and is available to the whole world.

### The Hinge, 6c *"There is nothing hidden from its heat."*

- As the sun dominates the sky, the word of God dominates human life
- The sun: welcome with its heat but at times terrifying
- The word of God: life-imparting, but also testing/purifying
- No life on this planet with the sun,
- No true human life as God created it to be without the revealed word of God

### The Voice of the Word of God (Special Revelation), 7-11

- Special revelation
- We learn in the scriptures what the sky could never tell us
- Six words for the Bible/Torah, Six adjectives, Six impacts with a summary- entirely righteous in origin and application

<u>Synonym</u>	<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Impact</u>
Law	Perfect	Reviving
Testimony	Sure	Making wise
Precepts	Right	Rejoicing
Commands	Pure	Enlightening
Fear	Clean	Enduring
Rules	True	<i>Warned/Reward</i>

Shouldn't it be "altogether righteous?"

- David pauses to give his view of God's word
  - Gold and honey
  - Then gives final parallel: Reward/Great reward
- What are we warned against?
- Sin and harmful affects
- Lies/false teaching
- The great reward- not something we are necessarily given, but "goodness is itself joyous. To be holy is to be content." (Boice)

### The Voice of God's People, 12-14

- Self-Examination, 12-13
- Leads to the timeless question: Who can discern his errors?
- Confession
  - Through natural and special revelation, has become aware of his own insignificance and unworthiness- our sin
    - The world is not listening
  - Hidden faults- the things we see in others we have trouble seeing in ourselves
  - Presumptuous sins- willful sins
    - No dominion- as we practice presumptuous/willful sins, they begin to have dominion over us.
    - They will rule us until we cry for mercy
  - Great transgression- Exodus 32.21,30-31; Rebellion against divine authority
  - God's revelation shows me what I'm really like AND gives me ambition to please God
- Consecration
  - Proactive prayer
  - Not: help me live a holy life. If you're familiar with Psalm 15, you might have anticipated that.
  - But rather, let me live be an offering... David uses the language of sacrifice
    - My words, my meditation...
    - Realizing he is LORD, Rock, Redeemer- Refuge and Champion, not judge
      - *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*
- As God's word bring us to life with the Spirit, cf. I Peter 1.23, we proclaim God's life-giving word
  - A transformed life is a great testimony to the power of God
- As the voice/words of the heavens and the voice/word of God proclaim God's glory, my our voices/words do the same.
  - Cosmic glory becomes the glory of an intimate relationship
  - The psalmist has moved from macrocosm to microcosm... from the universe and its glory to the individual in humility before God.
    - The climax is in the microcosm!

### So What About Us?

- Who can discern his errors?
- We come today before the God who has made himself known to us through the skies and the scripture
- God's word/God's Spirit bring us to life to believe in Jesus

- Another means of special revelation that God uses to grow us in this life: the LORD's Supper
- Points to Jesus as our Redeemer
  - To confess our sins
  - To consecrate ourselves