

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 1, 2020

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 *Jeremiah 6.16*

This is what the Lord says, "Stand by the roads and look!
Ask for the ancient paths- ask where the good way is.
And walk in it. Yes walk in it and you will find rest for your souls."

Adoration of God

Call to Worship: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth... Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted! — Psalm 47

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.

*This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.
The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made
up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.*

Hymns of Praise *Come, People of the Risen King/O Worship the King*

Come, people of the Risen King, Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in.

Refrain: *Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land— Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands— Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing— Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all"!

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.

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.

CMPC Mission and Family Life

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

Our Gifts to God

The Gift of Music *Give Me Jesus* The Choir

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

The Doxology

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony *Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer*
(Children ages 3 through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

Great King of nations, hear our prayer, While at your feet we fall,
And humbly, with united cry, To you for mercy call.

The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away;
But hear us from your lofty throne, And help us when we pray.

Our fathers' sins were manifold, And ours no less we own,
Yet wondrously from age to age Your goodness has been shown.

When dangers, like a stormy sea, Beset our country round,
To you we looked, to you we cried, And help in you was found.

With one consent we meekly bow Beneath thy chast'ning hand,
And, pouring forth confession meet, Mourn with our mourning land.

With pitying eye behold our need, As thus we lift our prayer;
Correct us with your judgments, Lord, Then let your mercy spare.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Reading of God's Word

Genesis 13

So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him into the Negeb. 2 Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. 3 And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord. 5 And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, 6 so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, 7 and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land. 8 Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord. 14 The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, 15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. 17 Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." 18 So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon *Choices and Consequences* Pastor John

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

Our Response

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

O Jesus, I have promised To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me, The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, thou hast promised To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my Friend.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for November 1, 2020

- **Series:** *Abraham & Sarah: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25*
- **Message:** *Choices and Consequences.*
- **Text:** Genesis 13

Abram's First Choice: Back to Bethel, 13.1-4

- Out of Egypt
- Wealthy
- Why Bethel?
 - Worship
 - Thanksgiving
 - Submission
 - Called on the name of Lord

Abraham's Second Choice: Let Lot Choose, 13.5-9

- Two's a crowd
- Problem: Too much blessing
- Lot's and Abraham's herdsmen are quarreling
- Moses; comment, 13.7b
 - A crowded land
 - Also, What kind of a witness
- Abraham's risk

Lot's Choice, 13.10-13

- The Jordan River Valley area
 - Well- watered at that time
- Family opportunities
- Sodom and Gomorrah
 - Egypt perhaps rekindled memories of Ur
 - A word of warning: "Lot, when he fancied he was dwelling in paradise, was nearly plunged into the depths of hell." John Calvin

Abraham's Choice: Trust God, 13.14-18

- Counting dust
 - Promise of descendants and land
- Walk through it
- Faith exercise
 - Get comfortable
- Eyes on the Promiser more than the Promise
- For us:
 - Our gift, Ephesians 2.8-9
 - See what God has for us, Ephesians 3.14-19
 - Our walk, Ephesians 4.1
- Abraham worships, Genesis 13.18

So What About Us?

- Lot: a place to live
- Abraham: a legacy
- Short-term decisions/Long-term decisions
- Daily choices and long-lasting consequences