

### **This Sunday at CMPC...**

This Sunday we return to our study of *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* as Pastor John takes a look at Revelation 14.6-13 and *You Bet Your Life*. Remember... Daylights Savings Time ends this Sunday and we need to set our clocks back one hour- an extra hour for rest! Then on Sunday evening we conclude the Lord's Day in worship at 6:30 and Pastor Ben will be looking at Luke 10.1-16 in our ongoing series *Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story*.

There are several things to remind you about that are coming up. First, please note that Kennedy Smartt's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday is this coming Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to send him a card, please contact the Church. Speaking of Kennedy, our next blood drive is set for Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. What gift can you give a 98-year-old? One would certainly be to give the gift of your blood in his honor. Quite frankly, since Kennedy has not been able to head the blood drives here at CMPC, the number of donors has dropped precipitously. We use to have between 60-80 people regularly giving blood. Your blood is still desperately needed. Please join the 24 who have already signed up in the narthex!

Also, please note that this Sunday is designated as the *International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*. While we regularly pray for the Persecuted Church here at CMPC, the bulletin will contain a helpful insert to give us a roadmap for our own prayer lives.

Our hymns Sunday morning align with our scripture text emphasis on God's glory in creation. We've certainly seen that glory in the splendid fall colors of the changing leaves against the backdrop of the blue autumn skies. We will gather to worship with *Psalms 57. 9-11, Be Exalted, O God*. Whenever we sing the psalms, we join our voices with what the church has been singing for 3000 years! Our hymn of praise will be *Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne*. This is Isaac Watts' 18<sup>th</sup> century paraphrase of Psalm 100; we use a late 20<sup>th</sup> century tune. Our hymn of testimony is a late 20<sup>th</sup> century hymn, *God All Nature Sings Thy Glory*. Then we will respond to God's word with the 21<sup>st</sup> century Townend/Getty hymn, *Across the Lands*.

As we are praying, please pray for our nation. The hymns we sing this Sunday are counter-cultural- the truths we will proclaim in song are radically opposed by the secular world. Pray for the upcoming election (and remember the Fellowship Hall is being used Monday night and all day Tuesday); and please pray for God to revive his church.

*CMPC Sermon Notes* ♦ **Series:** *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* ♦ **Text:** *Revelation 14.6-13* ♦ **Message:** *You Bet Your Life*

#### **Angel 1, 6-7**

- Proclamation, 6-7
  - Eternal gospel: the good news of what Christ has accomplished through his life, death and resurrection
  - For all people: fulfilling the Abrahamic covenant
  - Fear God and Give him glory: this is the language of repentance: see the story of Achan
  - The prime sin of the nations: refusing to worship God
  - Hour of judgment has come
  - Worship him who is the Creator
    - These four divisions (heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water) were all the specific targets in the trumpets and the bowls; hence, a reminder of God's judgment

#### **Angel 2, 8**

- The Fall of Babylon, 8
  - Babylon- Rome, Jerusalem, a new Babylon, some other global city- or the city of man in general most likely
    - Represents the center of false worship
  - Emphasis on the sin of sexual immorality
    - Notorious sin in Rome
    - Idolatry is spiritual sexual immorality
    - All materialistic and self-seeking ways (sexual immorality is always about self-seeking)
    - Sexual rebellion is the greatest rebellion against God today

### **Angel 3, 9-11**

- Judgment
  - Worship of the beast linked to God's wrath
  - This worship will be shown for what it is in contrast to the worship of God
- "Full strength in the cup of his anger"
  - Note: Jesus also drank the cup of God's wrath on our behalf
  - Our sin will be punished- it is all about who receives the punishment
- Verses 10-11: where is this happening?
  - Burning sulfur, cf. Job 18
    - Worse than we can comprehend
  - Tormented in the presence of the Lamb
    - The holiness and justice of God must be kept in view
    - Forever and ever:
      - Eternal torment
      - In the presence of the Lamb!
    - Eternal torment is NOT at the hand of Satan- he is eternally tormented
    - No rest: when you just want to close your eyes...

### **So What About Us?**

- The call for endurance, 12
- The blessing in our deaths, 13
  - Dying "in the Lord"
  - The Spirit speaks!
    - Rest!
    - Lasting impact of our lives

## WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

November 6, 2022

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

#### Prelude

*As we quiet our hearts for worship, please  
silence all phones and electronic devices.*

#### Welcome and Announcements

Ben Phillips,  
Pastor of Ministries

#### The Song of Ascent

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

#### Congregation

*Psalms 57.9-11 (Be Exalted, O God)*

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.

For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;

And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God,-- above the heav-ens;

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Be exalted, O God,-- above the heav-ens;

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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### ADORATION OF GOD

#### Call to Worship:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he  
who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to  
him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations. -Psalm 100

#### 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.*

#### Hymn of Praise

*Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne*

Before Jehovah's awesome throne,

All nations bow with sacred joy!

Know that the Lord is God alone;

He can create and He destroy.

His sovereign pow'r without our aid

Made us of dust and formed us men;

And when like wandering sheep we strayed,

He brought us to His fold again. (x2)

We are His people, we His care,

Our souls, and all our mortal frame;

What lasting honors shall we raise,

Almighty Maker, to Your Name?

We'll crowd Your gates with thankful songs,

High as the heav'ns our voices raise!

And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,

Shall fill Your courts with sounding praise. (x2)

Wide as the world is Your command,

Vast as eternity Your love.

Firm as a rock Your truth must stand,

When rolling years shall cease to move.

Before Jehovah's awesome throne,

All nations bow with sacred joy!

High as the heavens our voices raise;

To fill Your courts with sounding praise. (x2)

### CMPC Mission and Family Life

**Mission Moment** *International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*

### Reception of New Members and the Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

#### Pastoral Prayer

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**The Gift of Music** *Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me* Orchestra

### 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** *God All Nature Sings Thy Glory* #122

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

God, all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;

Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;

Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;

All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see Thy hand in man whom Thou hast made for Thee;

Ruler of creation's glory, image of Thy majesty.

Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,

Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled Thine image; nature, conscience only serve

As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.

Yet Thy grace and saving mercy in Thy Word of truth revealed

Claim the praise of all who know Thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;

We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.

Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;

With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill.

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

**Reading of God's Word** Revelation 14.6-13 pew Bible page 1036

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

#### Prayer of Illumination

#### Sermon

*You Bet Your Life*

Pastor John

Series-- *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*

### OUR RESPONSE

#### Prayer of Application

#### Hymn of Response

*Across the Lands*

You're the Word of God the Father

From before the world began.

Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet

Has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together

By the power of Your voice.

Let the skies declare Your glory;

Let the land and seas rejoice!

#### Refrain:

*You're the Author of creation;*

*You're the Lord of ev'ry man;*

*And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,

Came to seek and save the lost,

And exchanged the joy of heaven

For the anguish of the cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry;

With a word You stilled the sea;

Yet how silently You suffered

That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious,

Wresting vict'ry from the grave,

And ascended into heaven,

Leading captives in Your wake.

Now You stand before the Father,

Interceding for Your own;

From each tribe and tongue and nation,

You are leading sinners home!

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### The Benediction and Threefold Amen

#### EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM

Join us tonight as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 10:1-16 in our series,

*Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.*