

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

January 24, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Travis Brown, *Pastor to Youth*

The Song of Ascent

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

Congregation

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: "The Lord has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people find refuge." Isaiah 14.32

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth: *The Westminster Larger Catechism, Questions 1-3*

Leader: How doth it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

All: The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.

Leader: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

All: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.

The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God.

Hymn of Praise

Salvation's Song

Loved before the dawn of time, Chosen by my Maker,
Hidden in my Savior: I am His and He is mine,
Cherished for eternity.

When I'm stained with guilt and sin,
He is there to lift me, Heal me and forgive me;
Gives me strength to stand again, Stronger than I was before.

So with every breath that I am given I will sing salvation's song;
And I'll join the chorus of creation Giving praise to Christ alone.

All the chains of Satan's curse
Lifted through His offering, Satisfied through suffering;
All the blessings He deserves Poured on my unworthy soul.

So with every breath that I am given I will sing salvation's song;
And I'll join the chorus of creation Giving praise to Christ alone.

Singing glory, honor, wisdom, power
To the Lamb upon the throne. Hallelujah, I will lift Him high.
Singing glory, honor, wisdom, power
To the Lamb upon the throne.
Hallelujah I will sing with every breath that I am given
I will sing salvation's song; And I'll join the chorus of creation
Giving praise to Christ alone.

Stars will fade and mountains fall; Christ will shine forever,
Love's unfading splendor.

Earth and heaven will bow in awe, Joining in salvation's song.

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CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

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

Does Jesus Care?

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

Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth or song;
As the burdens press, and the cares distress,
And the way grows weary and long?

Refrain:

*O, yes, He cares - I know He cares!
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares.*

Does Jesus care when my way is dark
With a nameless dread and fear?
As the daylight fades into deep night shades,
Does He care enough to be near?

Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed
To resist some temptation strong;
When for my deep grief I find no relief,
Though my tears flow all the night long?

Does Jesus care when I've said goodbye
To the dearest on earth to me,
And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks —
Is it aught to Him? Does He see?

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 16.7-16

⁷The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." ⁹The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." ¹⁰The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." ¹¹And the angel of the Lord said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has listened to your affliction. ¹²He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen." ¹³So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." ¹⁴Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi, it lies between Kadesh and Bered. ¹⁵And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

The God Who Sees

Pastor John

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

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: *Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!*
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow! While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night overtakes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for January 24, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

Series: *Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25*

Message: ***The God Who Sees***

Text: Genesis 16.7-16

The Hurt of Hagar, 16.6

- A crisis pregnancy
- Truly poor: no one to call
- When it hurts

The Help for Hager, 16.7-9

- Abraham: not looking
- Found by: ***The*** Angel of the Lord
 - New character
 - First mention
 - Pre-incarnate Jesus
 - She knows he is God, cf. verse 13
- Jesus finds her, Isaiah 61.1a-b
- Jesus has her tell her story, 16.8
 - Like he did with the woman at the well, John 4
- God finds us
- Hagar: limited options
 - In Egypt, prostitution or slavery
 - Security with Abraham
 - Running away, but not running towards
- A hard word: return, 16.9
 - We'd rather run from a problem than confront it
- About being a victim, I Peter 2.18-23

The Hope for Hager, 16.10-14

- The promise to Hagar, 16.10-12
 - Ishmael: God hears
 - Everybody's hurt is known to God
 - Vaclav Havel: Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out
- The response of Hager, 16.13-14
 - Only person in the Old Testament who gives God a name
 - The longest conversation of any woman in the Old Testament with God
 - God sees... God cares
 - She did not even know she needed God
- Our need to be seen: our need for significance and safety
 - Psalm 139.16; Jeremiah 24.6; Zechariah 2.8

Hagar Goes Home, 16.15-16

- A second chance
- They believe her story
- But it is not happily ever after... that's only for eternity, not this world

So What About Us?

- In the shoes of...
 - Hagar
 - Abraham and Sarah
 - Jesus
- God sees... and cares