

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

February 7, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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The Song of Ascent

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

Congregation

In His Time

In His time, In His time;
He makes all things beautiful in His time,
Lord please show me every day as You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say In Your time.

In Your time, In Your time;
You make all things beautiful in Your time,
Lord my life to You I bring: May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing In Your time.

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Adoration of God

Call to Worship: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
-Psalm 91.1-2

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.

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

Sing Praise to the Father

Sing praise to the Father, Creator and King,
Whose mercy has taught us a new song to sing;
Who made us, and loved us tho' rebels and lost,
And planned our redemption at infinite cost.

*Refrain: Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul,
For the grace that redeems, for the love that makes whole;
O come and adore Him, His glories proclaim,
And worship before Him – the Lord is His name!*

Sing praise to the Savior, Redeemer and Friend,
For grace past all telling, for love without end;
Who stripped off His glory, put on mortal sin,
And died in our stead, full atonement to win.

Sing praise to the Spirit, the gift of God's love,
Who quickens our hearts with new life from above,
Who woos us, subdues us, and seals us His own,
And faultless presents us before the White Throne.

Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
Sing praise to the Spirit, great God Three in One;
The God of salvation, of glory, of grace,
Who wrought our redemption – my soul, sing His praise!

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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

Every Promise of Your Word

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

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure,
And on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored,
You remember sins no more—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete
Ev'ry work begun in me—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
Grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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Proclaiming the Word of God

Genesis 17.1-8

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.” .

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon *The I's of God* Pastor John
Series- *Abraham & Sarah: Walking By Faith—Genesis 12-25*

Our Response

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me;
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for February 7, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

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

Message: *The I's of God*

Text: Genesis 17.1-8

The Initiative of God, 17.1-8

- Note all the I's
- God is the initiator with Abraham and us
- Spiritually dead

A New Identity from God, 17.5

- A name change for our hero
 - Abram up until now.
 - An embarrassment? "Exalted Father"
 - Exactly one child!
 - Now Abraham- "Father of Many Nations"
 - A joke?
 - Speaks to Abraham's faith and hope
- Ruah is the Hebrew word for breath, spirit and wind
 - The breath sound
 - Onomatopoeia
 - Yahweh- a double breath sound
 - God puts breath/life into Abraham and Sarah (Sarah's name will be changed as well)
- Jesus to disciples after the resurrection, John 20.21
- God will give to Abraham a portion of His own name, Yahweh, and the sound for Spirit- to symbolize the equipping of Abraham for the responsibility given him: the Father of Many Nations
- Our new name is Christian and we receive the Holy Spirit

The Involvement of God in our lives, 17.6-8

- Made Abraham fruitful, makes us fruitful
 - Fruit of the Spirit
 - New Believers
- Jesus makes us fruitful, John 15.5-8
- God gives us assurance, 17.7
 - Land represents hope
 - Fulfillment of the covenant in Christ

So What About Us?

- The presence of the Holy Spirit
- Transformed living: Uwe Holmer