

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

April 11, 2021

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Prelude** *Please silence all phones and electronic devices  
as we prepare to worship our great God.*

**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** *I Stand in Awe*  
You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words,  
Too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard.  
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom,  
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of You, I stand, I stand in awe of You;  
Holy God, to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You.

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## Adoration of God

**Call to Worship:** How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. —Psalm 36.7-9

## Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

**Declaring Our Faith:** Westminster Shorter Catechism Question #1  
Leader: What is the chief end of man?

**All: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.**

*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.

**Hymn of Praise** *I Stand Amazed*  
I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
and wonder how he could love me,  
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain: *How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:*

*How marvelous! How wonderful  
is my Savior's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden  
he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."  
He had no tears for his own griefs,  
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
he made them his very own;  
he bore the burden to Calvary,  
and suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory  
his face I at last shall see,  
'twill be my joy through the ages  
to sing of his love for me.

## **CMPC Mission and Family Life**

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Our Gifts to God**

### **Gift of Music**

#### **Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

##### *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** *(I'll Stand on) Every Promise of Your Word* *(Children ages three through first 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

### Reading of God's Word

Genesis 17.15-27

15 And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" 18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" 19 God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. 20 As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. 21 But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year." 22 When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. 23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. 24 Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. 27 And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

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

### Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

*"The Westminster Shorter Catechism #1 Life"*

Pastor John

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

## **Our Response**

### **Prayer of Application**

#### **Hymn of Response**

*O Great God*

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resist Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,  
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

### **The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



**Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA**  
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**CMPC Sermon Notes for April 11, 2021**

**Pastor John Batusic**

**Message:** *The Westminster Shorter Catechism #1*

**Text:** Genesis 17: 15-17

**Q:** *What is the chief end of man?*

**A:** *Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.*

**Ten Marks of WSC Q1**

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