

Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA

Worship of the Living God

April 26, 2020

Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Gathering Song

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done'
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Call to Worship: "What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

— Habakkuk 2.20

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin, and the Invocation

Adoration of God

Declaration of Truth: *Zephaniah 2.11 (NLT); Habakkuk 2.20 (ESV)*

Pastor: Then nations around the world will worship the Lord, each in their own land.

All: For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea

Hymn of Praise *Ye Servants of God*

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful Name;
The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh—his presence we have:
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

**CMPC Mission and Family Life
Mission Moment**

Pastoral Prayer

**Our Gifts to God
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.

Hymn of Testimony *Our God Almighty is Sovereign Still!*

Amid the fears that oppress our day,
across the clouds that obscure our way,
one golden truth sheds its shining ray —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

Refrain:

*Pow'r, Pow'r, God's pow'r.
His holy purpose unchanging stands,
Pow'r, Pow'r, God's pow'r.
he holds the world in his mighty hands*

Though wars may rise, and though kingdoms fall,
though ills may threaten, and fears enthrall,
our God still lives, and he hears our call —
our God almighty is sovereign still!

Though fierce the fight 'gainst the hosts of wrong,
his Word is sure, and his arm is strong;
the day is his: raise his triumph song —
our God almighty is sovereign still!

When Christ shall come to receive his own,
His kingdom come, his power, his throne,
eternal King he shall reign alone —
our God almighty is sovereign still!

Proclaiming the Word of God

Reading of God's Word

Zephaniah 2.4-15

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon (Outline on the last page of this bulletin)
The Last One Standing Pastor John
Series: *From Fear to Faith*

Our Response

Prayer of Application

Declaration of Truth:

Habakkuk 3.17-19

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on
my high places.

Hymn of Response

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true Son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for April 26, 2020

Series: *From Fear to Faith*

Text: Zephaniah 2.4-15; Habakkuk 2.14, 20

Message: *The Last One Standing*

- April 14, 1912: *The Titanic*
- The Good Ship Babylon

God's Global Judgment, Zephaniah 2.4-15

- In every direction
 - Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Ekron: West
 - Moab/Ammon: East
 - Cush: South
 - Nineveh, Assyria: North
- Pluralism is wrong: logically, only one religion can be true
- A remnant of God's people will survive
 - God gives the land of the Philistines to his people
- Nineveh's destruction: pride, 2.15
 - Taking words about God and applying those words to themselves
 - God said: Isaiah 45.5
 - Same for the Babylonians, Isaiah 47.8

Three Key Truths

- Habakkuk 2.14: the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will fill the earth
- Habakkuk 2.20: Hush!
 - Onomatopoeia
 - Seismologists today
- Zephaniah 2.11, the nations worship
 - Revelation 14.7ff
 - Great Commission
- God has a plan

So What About Us?

- Fallen
- Endurance of the saints, Revelation 14.12
- Historical footnotes