

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

May 23, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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

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

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin?
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
what can make me whole again?
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain: *O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see—
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
for my pardon this my plea—
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone—
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
naught of good that I have done—
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
this is all my righteousness—
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

— Jude 24-25

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaring Our Faith:

Jude 17-23

Leader: But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you,

All: “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.”

Leader: It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

All: But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Hymn of Praise *How Deep the Father's Love*

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom.

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CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Sew Powerful

Peggy Creighton,
Women's Leadership Team

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 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

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

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love and pow'r.

Refrain:

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him.
Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD
Reading of God's Word

Genesis 19.1-14

The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth ² and said, "My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the town square." ³ But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. ⁴ But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. ⁵ And they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them." ⁶ Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, ⁷ and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. ⁸ Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." ⁹ But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. ¹⁰ But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. ¹¹ And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door. ¹² Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. ¹³ For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it." ¹⁴ So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up! Get out of this place, for the Lord is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"The Mercy of God in a Sin-Filled World"

Pastor John

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

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus (x3)

No turning back, no turning back

The world behind me, the cross before me (x3)...

Tho' none go with me, still I will follow, (x3)...

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The Benediction and Threefold Amen



Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA
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CMPC Sermon Notes for May 23, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

Message: *The Mercy of God in a Sin-filled World*

Text: Genesis 19.1-14

The Mercy of God

- God's answer to Abraham's prayer
 - God knows how many righteous people there are in Sodom.
- So judgment has come because of rebellion against God.
 - Yet... he sent these angels to "find out."
- Remnant of God's image in those who read this story.
 - Nearly everyone who reads this story agrees it is abusive and wrong.
 - Common grace

The Power of Sin

- The sin is obvious
- The big lie: Our Isaiah 5.20 world.
 - Distorting God's word: Derrick Sherwin Bailey's 1955 book falsely claimed Sodom's sin was a lack of hospitality.
- Proclaiming the truth in love.
 - Ezekiel 16.49 AND 50; Romans 1; Jude 7
- The power of the gospel: I Corinthians 6.9-11
- Calls for thinking
 - Narratives tell what happened. The task we have is to go to the didactic or teaching parts of the Bible and make application
 - Take God out of the equation, Psalm 2,
 - Genesis 1-2: how God made us
 - In his image
 - Male and female
 - Ten Commandments will tell you- Number seven, do not commit adultery.
 - Forbids all sexual relations outside the husband wife relationship in marriage
 - Romans 1

Sexual Immorality, I Thessalonians 4

- ANY sexual immorality
- Takes love out of the equation
- Takes advantage of others
- Takes self-control out of the equation
- Human love flourishes with God's guidelines
 - Proper place for sex is in a loving relationship between a man and a woman in the context of marriage

- To say that goes against the flow of culture today; but it is the truth.
- Sanctification: learning to love like God

Applying the story

- The mercy of God to Lot
- Pervert grace and deny the Lordship of Christ. Jude 4
- Jude's call to sexual purity.
 - If you have already fallen into sexual sin of any type, God will forgive you.
 - He will give you grace to walk again in newness of life.
 - If you have not fallen into sexual sin, he gives grace to stand against the culture's mandate for sin.
- God is merciful to us in forgiving us and then God calls us to walk in the truth... and to reach out to all people.
 - We are to be loving towards all people- welcoming as a church to all people.
 - And loving enough to tell the truth about sin- about all sin.
 - Courage for the church.
- The Promise and the Passion
 - Passion for purity and God's glory

So What About Us?

- Humility
- Gospel
- Grace and Mercy