

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

JUNE 20, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Please silence all phones and electronic devices.*

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Ascent *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought
Since Jesus came into my heart

Chorus: *Since Jesus came into my heart (x2)*
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll
Since Jesus came into my heart

I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray
Since Jesus came into my heart
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,
Since Jesus came into my heart

ADORATION OF GOD

Nehemiah 8.9-12

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise *Lift High the Name of Jesus*

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace, The beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached And we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground, To freedom from our sin.

Chorus: *Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done,*
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than, Is greater than this world.

To share the reason for our hope, To serve with love and grace,
That all who see Him shine through us Might bring the Father praise. Chorus

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, Can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see The harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace As He leads sinners home. Chorus

© 2013 GETTY MUSIC PUBLISHING (BMI), ALLETROP MUSIC (BMI), AND FIONAN DE BARRA (ALL RIGHTS ADMIN. BY MUSICSERVICES.COM) UBP CCLI #184884

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music *His Mercy is More*

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Doxology and Prayer

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 *This is My Father's World*

(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

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.

THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Genesis 21.1-7

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. ² And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." ⁷ And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon *“The Birth of Laughter”* Pastor John

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

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness (Unison) Psalm 32.1-5, 10-11

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Hymn of Preparation *Join All the Glorious Names*

Join all the glorious names Of wisdom, love, and power,
That ever mortals knew, That angels ever bore:
All are too mean to speak his worth, Too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, My tongue would bless thy name;
By thee the joyful news Of our salvation came:
The joyful news of sins forgiv'n, Of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, Offered his blood, and died;
My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside:
His pow'rful blood did once atone, And now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, My Pattern, and my Guide;
And thou my Shepherd art; O keep me near thy side;
Nor let my feet e'er turn astray To wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord, My Conqu'ror and my King,
Thy scepter and thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the pow'r; Behold I sit in willing bonds Beneath thy feet.

The Invitation to the Lord's Table: Those who've not yet trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are asked to let the elements pass. Please use this time to contemplate Psalm 130, asking God to show you the glory of his Son Jesus Christ in his death for the forgiveness of your sins. If you're unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a member of the pastoral staff or one of the elders after the service.

Receiving the Bread and Cup: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Our custom is that we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Celebration *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, Your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Word and Deed Offering: Please note the special plates designated for this offering which is used to meet financial needs within the Body and the Community.

Declaration of Hope (Unison)

Hebrews 12.1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hymn of Parting

Joy to the World

Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA
cmpca.org
CMPC Sermon Notes for June 20, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

- **Series-** *Abraham and Sarah: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-*
- **Message:** *“The Birth of Laughter”*
- **Text:** Genesis 21: 1-7

Birth Brings Joy

- God keeps his promises
 - o Sarah bears Abraham’s son
- The name Isaac- laughter
 - o Act of obedience
- Sarah’s song
 - o Sarah’s emphasis
 - o God the source
 - o Everyone will be shocked
 - o Everyone will laugh
- Promised child: Jesus
 - o Name means Savior
 - o Act of obedience
- Mary’s Song
 - o Shepherds, magi, Simeon, Anna rejoice
- Every child is a gift from God whom we celebrate in praise to God
- War on children
 - o Pre-born
 - o Those who feel guilty about having children

Claiming God’s Covenant Promises

- The sign of circumcision: outward sign of an inward reality
 - o Obedience demonstrated
 - o God’s assessment
 - o God is active
- Joseph and Mary claimed the promises as well

Sharing the Joy

- Abraham and Sarah
- Shepherds, magi, Simeon, Anna
- We share the joy in knowing Jesus

So What About Us?

- The Lord’s Supper
 - o A proclamation of joy
 - o Woes of Sodom
 - o Good Friday- a somber celebration
- Today: a day of joy!
 - o Children of the Heavenly Father who saved us through the death of his Son
 - o The joy of the Lord is our strength