

Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA

Worship of the Living God

June 28, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Song of Ascent *God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

Congregation *Our God Reigns*

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns; our God reigns!

Refrain: *Our God reigns; our God reigns! x2*

Call to Worship: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

- Isaiah 9.6-7

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin, and the Invocation

ADORATION OF GOD

Declaration of Truth: Ephesians 2.13-21

Pastor: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

All: *For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.*

Pastor: And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

All: *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.*

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

Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Refrain:

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all"!

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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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious in its bright increase;
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain: *Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust him fully all for us to do;
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Colossians 3.15

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Peace in a Troubled World

Pastor John

Series from Colossians: *Finding Our Identity in Christ*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *It is Well With My Soul*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to **know**,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: *It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for June 28, 2020

Series: *Colossians: Finding Our Identity in Christ*

Sermon: *Peace in a Troubled World*

Colossians 3.15

A Troubled World

- *The world*
- *The nation*
- *Personal*

The quest for peace

- *Human efforts*
- *Epicletus' Analysis*

What is this peace?

- *Shalom defined*
- *Antecedent*
- *Colossians 1.20*
- *Old Testament*
- *The need for peace offerings*
- *Jesus has it*
- *Peace with the Father and the Holy Spirit*
- *Peace is ultimately a person, Micah 5.5; Isaiah 9.6*
- *Jesus purchased it for us- an objective peace with the Triune God*

What has this peace done?

- *Ephesians 2*
- *Peace with God*
- *Peace with others*

The gift of peace

- *Isaiah 26.3ff*
- *Psalms 119.65*
- *Jesus in John 14.27 and 16.33*
- *Philippians 4.*
- *God's word, prayer*
- *God of peace is present*
- *Holy Spirit- fruit, John 14*

How does this peace rule?

- *Umpire*
- *This peace is...*

- *Compassionate, kind, humble, meek, patient*
- *Means we enjoy the benefits of Christ's work for us*
- *One Body*

And be thankful.

- *Look at all that God has done*
- *Clearly a theme*
- *Here, the seemingly impossible*
- *Thankful that we have a God of peace*
- *Cognizant: a troubled world*

So What About Us?

- *The irony of Bethlehem*