

Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian, PCA

Worship of the Living God

July 5, 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 *God of the Ages*

God of the ages, history's Maker,
planning our pathway, holding us fast,
shaping in mercy all that concerns us:
Father, we praise you, Lord of the past.

God of this morning, gladly your children
worship before you, trustingly bow;
teach us to know you always among us,
quietly sovereign-- Lord of our now.

God of tomorrow, strong overcomer,
princes of darkness own your command:
what then can harm us? We are your people,
now and forever kept by your hand.

Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning,
Lord of the future, help us, we pray:
teach us to trust you, love and obey you,
crown you each moment, Lord of today!

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: "The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: 'The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.'"

—The Revelation 11.15

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

All: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Leader: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

All: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!

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 *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: v

*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 threat- en, and fears enthrall,
our God still lives, and he hears our call —
our God almighty is sov-ereign 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 tri-umph song —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

When Christ shall come to receive his own,
His kingdom come, his pow-er, his throne,

eternal King he shall reign alone —
our God almighty is sov-ereign still!

CMPC Mission and Family Life

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

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

God of Our Fathers

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

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay;
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Colossians 3.16-17

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

The Church, The Word, & the 21st Century USA

Pastor John

Series from Colossians: *Finding Our Identity in Christ*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer*

Great King of nations, hear our prayer, While at your feet we fall,
And humbly, with united cry, To you for mercy call.

The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not away;
But hear us from your lofty throne, And help us when we pray.

Our fathers' sins were manifold, And ours no less we own,
Yet wondrously from age to age Your goodness has been shown.

When dangers, like a stormy sea, Beset our country round,
To you we looked, to you we cried, And help in you was found.

With one consent we meekly bow Beneath thy chast'ning hand,
And, pouring forth confession meet, Mourn with our mourning land.

With pitying eye behold our need, As thus we lift our prayer;
Correct us with your judgments, Lord, Then let your mercy spare.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for July 5, 2020

Series: *Colossians: Finding Our Identity in Christ*

Sermon: • **Message:** *The Church, The Word, and the 21st Century Colossians 3.16-17*

How can we best follow Jeremiah's letter? Cf. Jeremiah 29.4-9

- The responsibility
- The limit

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

- Word of Christ... word of God... what God says.
- Word of Christ
 - All about Christ
 - Christ's words
 - Dwell...
 - Richly
 - Let it dwell in you richly, plentifully, profoundly.
 - Psalm 1.1 Listening to God in a noisy world.
- Parallel with Ephesians
 - Holy Spirit
 - Jewish thinking: wherever the word of God is, there the Spirit of God is
- Teaching
 - Admonishing
 - Imparting Wisdom
 - How?
 - Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs
 - The key role of music

Truth to communicate...

- Deuteronomy 6.4-9
- There is truth
 - Make it memorable...
 - The need to discern
 - Wisdom

There is a Creator,

- This is My Father's World
- We are creatures who are fearfully and wonderfully made
- So is creation

And He is the King.

- He has spoken
 - The Ten Commandments
 - A guide to love

Image of God

- Made lovers
- Racism.
 - Examine our own hearts
 - Look to the interest of others
 - Wherever we see racism, we are to help root it out.
- Male and female.
- Pro-life

Total Depravity.

- Grace
- Love
 - God's love for imperfect people
 - Our love for imperfect people
- Confession and Repentance and Redemption
 - Condemnation instead of confession
 - Judgment in place of repentance and redemption

Time perspective

- Resurrection
- No eternity/no past: living for the moment.
 - A nation intent on erasing history is doomed

My/our place in this world.

- Acts 17.26,
 - For such a time as this.
- Our nation.
 - Psalm 2
 - What was different...
 - Our nation's founding
- Today's atmosphere

All of life is for the glory of God.

- Submitting our will to his will in every area of our lives
- A daily mindset

The place of prayer

- Pursuing God's agenda

Thanksgiving

- A theme....
- COVID-19 and thankfulness

So What About Us?

- Always reforming...
 - Always examining for, confessing, and repenting of our sin
 - Word convicts us/Holy Spirit
- Always praying...
 - Seeking revival/renewal