

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 20, 2020

Gathering to Worship

Prelude

Please silence all phones and electronic devices.

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

Call to Worship:

Revelation 1.5b-7

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Salvation's Song

Loved before the dawn of time, Chosen by my Maker,
Hidden in my Savior: I am His and He is mine,
Cherished for eternity.

When I'm stained with guilt and sin,
He is there to lift me, Heal me and forgive me;
Gives me strength to stand again, Stronger than I was before.

So with every breath that I am given I will sing salvation's song;
And I'll join the chorus of creation Giving praise to Christ alone.

All the chains of Satan's curse
Lifted through His offering, Satisfied through suffering;
All the blessings He deserves Poured on my unworthy soul.

So with every breath that I am given I will sing salvation's song;
And I'll join the chorus of creation Giving praise to Christ alone.

Singing glory, honor, wisdom, power
To the Lamb upon the throne. Hallelujah, I will lift Him high.
Singing glory, honor, wisdom, power
To the Lamb upon the throne.

Hallelujah I will sing with every breath that I am given
I will sing salvation's song; And I'll join the chorus of creation
Giving praise to Christ alone.

Stars will fade and mountains fall; Christ will shine forever,
Love's unfading splendor.
Earth and heaven will bow in awe, Joining in salvation's song.

Declaration of Truth (Unison)

Micah 7.18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

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

Marvelous Grace

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

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

The Word

Reading of God's Word

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! ²O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! ³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there

is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. ⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“The Cry of the Heart”

Pastor John

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer/Benediction



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CMPC Sermon Notes for September 20, 2020

- **Series:** *Genesis 12-25: Walking by Faith*
- **Message:** *The Cry of the Heart* Psalm 130

Abraham was not walking by faith

- The heavens declare the glory of God
- Our restless hearts
- Our guilty hearts

The Cry's Desperation (vv. 1-2)

- What do these verses suggest about how we see ourselves?
- What are the "depths?" (cf. Ps. 69)
- How do we get out?
- The great heart cry of faith: this is a believer

The Cry's Reality (vv. 3-4)

- The problem: a holy God and sinful people
- No hope *if* God keeps his eyes on our sin
- **But**—God has a vision problem
- The forgiveness of God—the cross of Jesus
- What does God see when He looks at me?
- How does forgiveness lead to "fear?"
- A relationship is implied
- "Here the psalmist says, essentially, 'I fear You because of your forgiveness.' This means that 'the fear of God' contains joyful amazement as well as humble and sobering awe." —Tim Keller

The Cry's Wait (vv. 5-6)

- The watchmen watched the city at night and got off duty in the morning
- Waiting to hear from God
- Waiting for fellowship with God

The Cry's Promise (vv. 7-8)

- Newfound mercy and confidence causes the writer to want what he has for everybody else
- God's redemption is so great He can forgive all the sins of all His people

So What About Us?

- A world with unresolved guilt
- Corrie Ten Boom: "There is no pit so deep, that God's love is not deeper still."
- His grace is greater than all our sin
- There is forgiveness with the Lord!
- Joy unspeakable