

## WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 13, 2020

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

All the way my Savior leads me What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?  
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
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All the way my Savior leads me, Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial, Feeds me with the living Bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter And my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me, Oh, the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day  
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;  
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### ADORATION OF GOD

#### Call to Worship:

**Call to Worship:** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. — Colossians 1.15-20

#### Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

**Declaration of Truth:**

Psalm 78.2b-7

Leader: I will utter... things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

**All: We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

Leader: He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them,

**All: the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.**

**Hymns of Praise**      *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright  
That givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## **CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE**

**Mission Moment**

**Pastoral Prayer**

### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**The Gift of Music**            *He Will Hold Me Fast*

**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**            *All Around the World*

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

All around the world the Kingdom cry resounds  
From mountain town to desert plain From city to the shore  
Truth will not be bound by walls upon the earth  
From ev'ry nation tribe and tongue God calls His people forth

*Chorus:*

*All praise to the King of the new Jerusalem  
where all of the saints  
with one voice will worship the Lamb  
Will forever worship the Lamb*

Restless is the world unchanging is His Word  
Unshaken is our confidence in Christ the Risen Lord  
All who bear His name unite to breathe as one  
We share the joys and pains we face and pray His Kingdom come

Boldly we proclaim the power of the cross  
In ev'ry language art and deed we tell the wonder of grace  
Then when Christ returns His church will rise adorned  
With treasure brought from ev'ry land to glorify the Lord

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Reading of God's Word**

Colossians 4.12-13 <sup>12</sup>*Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. <sup>13</sup>For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.*

**Prayer of Illumination****Sermon**

Pastor John

*Living Out Our Identity in Christ, or, What if Nobody Prayed for the Children?*  
Series from Colossians: *Finding Our Identity in Christ*

**OUR RESPONSE****Prayer of Application****Hymn of Response**

*All For Jesus*

All for Jesus! all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs:  
All my thoughts and words and doings, All my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding, Let my feet run in His ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only, Let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, Cling to gilded toys of dust,  
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; Only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside;  
So enchained my spirit's vision, Looking at the Crucified.

Oh, what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
Deigns to call me His belovèd, Lets me rest beneath His wings.

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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### CMPC Sermon Notes for September 16, 2020

**CMPC Sermon Notes • Series: Colossians- Finding Our Identity in Christ • Message: Living Out Our Identity in Christ, or, What If Nobody Prayed for Our Children • Colossians 4.11-12**

- To become “something”
- Those for whom no one prays
  - Ina Hughs sentimental “prayer”
- Epaphras
  - Praying for his spiritual children
  - The Colossae church planter now living out his identity in Christ in Rome
- We are never more like Jesus than we pray

#### **The Importance of Relationships in Living Out Our Identity in Christ**

- Epaphras is one of you
- The difference knowing someone often makes in prayer
- Prayer defined by some as “to accept responsibility” ???
  - God is the responsible party
  - Our responsibility is to pray
- Our relationship to Jesus
  - Servant of Christ Jesus
  - We serve others by imitating Jesus and praying

#### **The Importance of Intensity in Living Out Our Identity in Christ**

- The struggle in prayer
  - The athlete who gives himself fully to his sport
- Praying specifically
- Loving our enemies in a hate pandemic
- Letting go... pray!

#### **The Importance of Being Specific and Relevant in Living Out Our Identity in Christ**

- Stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God
- Knowing God’s will
- This is living out our identity in Christ
- Discernment
- World view
- Repentance
- What drumbeat do we march to?
- Working hard for you
  - Zeal

**So What About Us?**

- Giving an account
- What we want for our children, for each other, and for ourselves most of all