

Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

MAY 15, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Please silence all phones and electronic devices.

Welcome and Announcements

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

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.

- Revelation 1.5b-6

Invocation

Declaration of Truth (unison):

Revelation 1.7-8

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Hymn of Praise

The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1-3)

#347

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new ion by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Reception of New Members and Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (11am)

The sacrament of covenant baptism is given to the children of Greg and Rachele Dobbins, Graham Paul and Evangeline Clara.

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Mission Moment *Eagle Ranch* John Shackelford, Eddie Staub

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Gift of Music *He Will Hold Me Fast* Choir & Orchestra

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 *Before the Throne of God*

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

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is Love
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart (x2)

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within
upward I look and see Him there
who made an end to all my sin.
because the sinless Savior died
my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me. (x2)

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
my perfect spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of Glory and of Grace,
one with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased with His blood,
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God! (x2)

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

The Open Door, Jesus, & the Church

Pastor John

Series— *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*

The Invitation to the Lord's Table: Those who have not yet come to the place in their lives of trusting Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are requested to let the elements pass. Please use this time to read Isaiah 53 (p. 613 in the Pew Bible) and I Corinthians 1.18-25 (p. 952), asking God to show you the glory of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a member of the pastoral staff or one of the elders after the service.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn of Preparation

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (vs 1,3,4) #599

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still,
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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. —I Corinthians 11.26

Please note: the bread today is gluten-free. Also, our custom is that we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Celebration *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 4-6)

#347

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish Is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor She ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Word and Deed Offering: Today's word and deed offering will be used to meet the needs of people .

Declaration of Hope (Unison)

John 10.9-11

Jesus said: I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Hymn of Parting

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (vs 2)

#599

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
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The Benediction and Three-fold Amen





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CMPC Sermon Notes for May 15, 2022

- **Series:** *The Book of Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*
- **Message:** *The Open Door, Jesus, and the Church*
- **Text:** Revelation 3.7-9

The City/The Opportunity, 3.7a

- 30 miles southeast of Sardis, 60 miles east of Smyrna
- Relatively new city, built in 2nd century BC by Attalus II, surnamed Philadelphus, and named the city Philadelphia out of love for his brother, [Eumenes](#) of [Pergamon](#)
- "Philadelphos", literally meaning "one who loves his brother".
- Earthquake prone; the 17AD one almost completely destroyed the city. Initially worse at Sardis, but aftershocks plagued Philadelphia for years.
- Volcanic ash made for fertile fields; a good farming area for wine
- Intended to be the "city of the open door" to the east
 - Launching pad to spread Greek philosophy
- "Missionary" Purpose: held spread Greek language and culture across Turkey
- A new name for the city because of Caesar Tiberius giving funds to rebuild; called it name Newcaesarea for a few years.
 - Later temporarily changed its name to Flavia to honor another important roman imperial family.
- A lot of people refused to move back into the city because of safety concerns and lived outside of the city

The One Who Holds the Key/Jesus' characteristics, 3.7b

- Jesus as...
- The Holy One
 - Deity affirmed
 - Revelation 6.10
 - Holy One is used of God as a title in Isaiah... so this anticipates what is coming
- The True One
 - True Messiah
 - Fulfill Messianic hope
- The key holder (to a door)
 - From 1.18
 - There, death and hell (salvation and judgment);
 - here, David
- Reference point is Eliakim, II Kings 18, Isaiah 22.20ff, who served as Hezekiah's "Chief of Staff"
 - Eliakim is seen as a type of Christ
 - The key is on his shoulder, cf. Is 9.6 government on Jesus' shoulder
 - Will be a father, 22.21; Eternal father 9.6
 - A throne of glory, 22.23; Jesus on throne on 9.7

- Eliakim appointed to royal position by God, 22.21; the coming Messiah, 9.6-7
 - Eliakim ruled over Israel; Christ over the church,
 - Eliakim had been given authority to negotiate on the king's behalf, cf. Isaiah 22.22
- Paul's varied comments about an open door, I Corinthians 16.9; II Corinthians 2.12; Colossians 4.3; Acts 14.27
 - Door to service would seem to be the best understanding
 - The city of Philadelphia wanted to be the most important city in the area... did the church have that kind of ambition?
 - A door open for ministry

The Church/Jesus' Analysis, 3.8

- Christ: knows their works
 - In fact, as the 20th century began, still five churches in Philadelphia despite Muslim context
 - Nothing wrong... so he moves on
- Holds authority to keep an open door
- Praise:
 - Evidently had experienced local persecution and endured little power- maybe small in number or not influential
 - Kept God's word
 - Lived out the gospel
 - Not denied God's name
 - Revelation 14.12 in view
 - A small church that kept the faith

Jesus' Action, 3.9

- What We Face
 - Synagogue of Satan: because of their opposition to the gospel
 - Latter rabbis condemned Jews in Philadelphia for compromising with secular authorities
- Jews taking advantage? God will turn the tables
 - They will bow down: God's enemies will be defeated
 - Cf. Isaiah 60.14
 - Not just defeat but repentance
- Now notice, the Church has become the Jews, and the Gentiles the Jews in how the promises of Isaiah works out.
 - Unbelieving Israel can take on the role of Gentiles in coming to the faith, cf. Romans 9.6-7
- What we know, now they will know that: I have loved you.
 - Now applied to the church in place of Israel!!! Cf. Isaiah 43.4
 - Jesus has the keys to the kingdom

So What About Us?

- The open door
- The church
- Knowing Jesus' love

