

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD July 20, 2025

Prelude As we quiet our hearts for worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Announcements and Welcome Pastor Rick Holmes

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Invocation

Declaration of Truth Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Hymn of Praise O Worship The King O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old; Has ‘stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust, nor find you to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless might! Ineffable love! While angels delight to hymn you above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Gift of Music I Come to the Cross Choir I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace. I come to the cross where you died in my place. Out of my weakness and into your strength, Humbly, I come to the cross.

Jesus keep me near the cross there a precious fountain, Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary’s mountain. In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever, ‘til my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Receiving God’s Tithes and Our Offerings Today’s Word and Deed offering will be given to MNA’s disaster relief efforts in Kerrville, Texas. Please sign and pass the Sunday Register in the hymnal rack.

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 It Is Well With My Soul (Children ages 3 through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children’s Church) When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

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 WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of God’s Word Psalm 16 pew Bible p. 453 All: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

Sermon “Prone To Wander” Travis Brown Pastor to Youth

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) 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.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Preparation Beneath The Cross Of Jesus #251 Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand, The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see The very dying form of One who suffered there for me: And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess, The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding-place: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss; My sinful self my only shame my glory, all the cross.

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 is gluten-free. Our custom is that we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 130:7-8 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Celebration Be Thou My Vision #642 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true Son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r; Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise, thou mine Inheritance, now and always: Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Prayers for Those Not Communing:

For those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open my eyes to the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father’s right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

A Prayer Encouraging Struggling and Doubting Believers to Come to the Table:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see your table as an invitation to grace upon grace; a place to run to in the midst of struggle and temptation. Help me to see that spiritual health and restoration begins with your means of grace and not the other way around. Where I have sinned against others, lead me into reconciliation as you have reconciled us by your blood. Where my conscience is burdened, let me not be my own session but bring my burdens to those you have given to your church for oversight and care. In all matters, help me to see your table as a means to laying aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Serving Christ at CMPC July 20

Lock-up	Steve Saville and Steven Clark
8:30am Ushers	Jason Wallis, Tommy Hulsey, Brent Booker, Andrew Booker, Will McVey, Joe Gardner
Greeters	Debbie Rumbold
Infants/Toddlers	Sarah and Harper Cox
Children’s Church	Andy Jobson
Junior Assistants	William Jobson
11am Ushers	Mark Rush, Brandon Stuckey, John W. Batusic, David Batusic, Andrew Batusic
Infants/Toddlers	Sarah Lingerfelt and Kay Davis
Children’s Church	Noah Carmosino
Junior Assistants	Natalie Hammond, Caroline Hammond, and Judson Clark



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Last names and locations withheld due to the sensitive nature of their situations.
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