

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** *The Future is as Bright as the Promises of God*

Text: John 3.16 ♦ **Message:** "Amazing Love"

The Inevitability of God's Love, I John 4.8

- God IS love
- Love requires an object; hence, an argument for the Trinity
- Love discloses God's glory, Exodus 34.6-7
- The overflow of love
- God's love for us, Deuteronomy 7.6-8; Ephesians 2.4-5

The Immensity of God's love, Psalm 103.11

- The tiny galaxy Abell 2218 is about 13 billion light years from earth. One light year is 5.88 trillion miles. That means **Abell 2218** is 76 septillion, 440 sextillion miles away- think 76440 plus 21 more zeroes.
- Measured by forgiveness

The Incarnation/Initiative of God's Love, I John 4.9-10

- The young girl in Iran
- Clothed in Christ's righteousness

The Intensity of God's Love, John 3.16

- Abraham and Isaac, Genesis 22

The Infatuation of God's Love, Zephaniah 3.17

- Love is a decision; love is an action word; and love is an emotion. Here we see God's emotional response to the people He has redeemed through the blood of His Son Jesus Christ- what a love!

The Incongruity of God's Love, I John 3.1

- A love that makes no sense to the world

The Imperative of God's Love, John 13.35; I John 5.1-3

- having experienced God's love, we should love Him because He first loved us, and then our love should spill over into loving others.

So What About Us?

- We are invited as believers in Jesus to the table of God's love

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 20, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Ascent *Think About His Love*

Think about His love, think about His goodness.
Think about His grace that's brought us through.
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our Father's love.
Great is the measure of our Father's love.

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

... To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ..., to him
be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:5-6

Invocation

Declaration of Truth: Psalm 103.1, 8-12

Bless the Lord, O my soul... The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his
anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us
according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so
great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from
the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Hymn of Praise *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* #455

And can it be, that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?

*Refrain: Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?*

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace,
Humbled Himself so great His love, And bled for all his chosen race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Gift of Music *Come to Jesus* Jim Zeller

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Please sign and pass the registration book 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 *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* #465

(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 AND THE SACRAMENT

Reading of God's Word John 3.16 p. 888 pew bible

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon *Amazing Love* Pastor John
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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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #252

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.

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. Also, our custom is that we take each
element in unison after everyone has been served.*

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of Celebration *It is Well With My Soul* #691

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."

*Refrain:
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.

Word and Deed Offering: Today's word and deed offering will be used to meet
needs of an anonymous church family.

Declaration of Hope (Unison) Romans 8.38-39

I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

Hymn of Parting *Now I Belong to Jesus (vs. 1, 3)* #709

Jesus, my Lord, will love me forever, From him no pow'r of evil can sever;
He gave his life to ransom my soul, now I belong to Him.

*Refrain: Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me,
Not for the years of time alone, but for eternity.*

Joy floods my soul for Jesus has saved me, freed me from sin that long had
enslaved me;
His precious blood he gave to redeem, now I belong to him.

The Benediction and Three-fold Amen

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM
Tonight we continue our Summer Mission Journeys Reports as the BridgeMont
Team reports on their time in Tennessee. Join us as we continue to hear what God
is doing in and through CMPCers around the world!

Serving Christ at CMPC August 20

Lock-up	Andy Jobson and Steve Wentz
8:30am	
Ushers	Steve Blair, Bo Porter, John Kapustay, Jeff Eichler, Morris Bingham, Doug Whitlock
Greeters	Carol Zarmeba
Infants/Toddlers	Joe and Murray Gardner
Children's Church	Nola Friedell
Junior Assistants	Rich and Coleman Friedell
11am	
Ushers	Chris Carmosino, Noah Carmosino, Ken Robbins, Vic Newquist, Mark Pignolet, Matt Hall
Greeters	<i>Sign up at cmpca.org/greeters</i>
Infants/Toddlers	Kathy Kilgore and Linda Hutchinson
Children's Church	Noah Carmosino
Junior Assistants	Natalie and Caroline Hammond
6:30pm	
Nursery	
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Worship
Wednesday	Wednesday Night Alive
5:30	Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group



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