

This Sunday at CMPC...

We return to our series *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* this Sunday as Pastor John looks at Revelation 21.5-9 and *On the Edge of Eternity*. We will also be celebrating the Lord's Supper and commissioning several people headed on mission journeys. Then Sunday evening we will close out the Lord's Day in worship as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 14:25-35 in our ongoing series *Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story*. Please note that next Sunday, May 28th, we will move to our *Summer in the SON's* 20/20/20 format- 20 minutes of singing, 20 minutes of study, and 20 minutes (or more!) of food'n'fellowship. *Summer in the SON* is designed for the whole family- we have coloring contests and more!

Please note that this Sunday morning during Coffee Quarter and then again during the break before the 11am service that the Women will have an open house about their ministries in the Parlor, while VBS teachers/assistant teachers will be able to meet at the same times in the room across from the elevator (upstairs), Room 204. You will be able to pick up your curriculum and more. Also note that Trey and Kiki Adams, missionaries serving with MTW in Bangkok, Thailand, alongside CMPCers Noah and Karleigh Stephens, will be with us Sunday morning and will be speaking in the Harvest Class during Sunday School.

This Sunday's hymns focus on Christ and our hope of eternity. We will praise God with *God, the Uncreated One*, also known as *King Forevermore*. This is a new 21st century hymn. Our hymn of testimony will be *My Savior's Love*. Charles Gabriel wrote the words and music for this much-loved hymn in 1905 that explores Jesus' amazing love for us. Our hymn of preparation for the table will be Isaac Watts classic early 18th century hymn, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, and we will respond to God's word with another hymn that has stood the test of time, *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood*, written at the end of the 18th century by William Cowper.

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* ♦ **Text:** *Revelation 21.5-8* ♦ **Message:** *On the Edge of Eternity*

On the Edge of Eternity

The Great Announcement

- All things new
 - Isaiah 65
 - a new world order... a new city coming down...
 - Jesus' promise: a prepared place
 - Abraham's search
- An overwhelmed John is reminded to write things done
 - Confirming the Promises of God
- It is done
 - Literally "they are done"
 - It is finished... the implications and impact of Jesus' death on the cross now complete
- Grasping the Framework of History
 - History starts and ends with God
 - In the beginning... Genesis 1
 - Solomon's advice: remember your creator in the days of your youth
 - All things are new... the new Jerusalem is about to descend...

Given that...

The Great Blessing

- Thirsty
 - Jesus: the rock in the wilderness they drank from
 - Isaiah 49.10; 55.1; John 4,
- Conquerors
 - Haven't see this word since the letters to the seven churches
 - I have decided to follow Jesus... no turning back
- Inheritance
 - Next week a new hymn we've been singing on Sunday evenings... Almost Home
Almost home, we're almost home
So press on toward that blessed shore
Oh, praise the Lord, we're almost home
- Reality of our new relationship
 - What God told David is for us
 - I am his, he is mine- several hymns

The Great Contrast

- Devastating Perspective (how critical the situation is)
- Persistence (in evangelism)

So What About Us?

- What difference does this all make?
 - Realize: on the edge of eternity
 - Take seriously our calling
 - Hope for tomorrow... gives strength for today
 - A meal that celebrates our new reality... and our new hope

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

May 21, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Dee Hammond,
Pastor of Missions & Outreach

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 1.6

Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

Revelation 7.9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Hymn of Praise

God, the Uncreated One

God, the uncreated one The author of salvation
Who wrote the laws of space and time And fashioned worlds to his design
The one whom angel hosts revere Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand Knows the heart of every man
He is king forever He is king forever
He is king forevermore

God, our fortress and our strength The rock on which we can depend
Matchless in his majesty His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man Never-changing, Great I AM
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall He is faithful through it all
Crown him king forever Crown him king forever
Crown him king forevermore

Mighty God in mortal flesh Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries Did pierce the lowly prince of peace
Oh lifted high, the sinless man Crucified, the spotless lamb
Buried by the sons of man Rescued by the father's hand
To reign as king forever Reign as king forever
Reign as king forevermore

King eternal, God of grace We crown you with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore "You're holy, holy, holy, Lord!"
What joy in everlasting life All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever King of kings forever King of kings forevermore

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CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

*Commissioning Jeff, Ruth Ann, & William Knight (Grenada),
Olivia Cunningham (Japan), & Estine Uys (Dominican Republic)*

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Gift of Music

Written in Red

Kate St. Clair

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

My Savior's Love

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

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain: *How marvelous, How wonderful!*

And my song shall ever be:

How marvelous, How wonderful!

Is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sin and my sorrows, He made them His very own.
He bore the burden to Cal'ry, And suffered, and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages To sing of His love for me.

THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Reading of God's Word

Revelation 21.5-9, p. 1041 pew bible

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

On the Edge of Eternity

Pastor John

Series: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow: The Book of Revelation

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

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood (vs. 1-3)

#253

There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains,
lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away,
washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die,
and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

Word and Deed Offering: Today's word and deed offering will be used to meet needs in our community.

Declaration of Hope (Unison)

Revelation 1.7; 22.20b

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.... Come, Lord Jesus!

Hymn of Parting

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood (vs. 5)

#253

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more,
be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.

The Benediction and Three-fold Amen

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM

Join us tonight as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 14:25-35, in our series, *Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story*. Next Sunday we begin *Summer in the SON*, CMPC's 20/20/20 summer format: 20 minutes of singing, 20 minutes of study, 20 minutes of food'n'fellowship. This summer's study will be *Joseph's Story: When Dreams Come True*.

Serving Christ at CMPC May 21



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Lock-up	Jim Zeller and Mike Johnson
8:30am	
Ushers	Steve Blair, Don Painter, Steve Carlson, Al Roth, Tom Day, Henry Monroe, Rob Mundy
Greeters	Polly King
Infants/Toddlers	Katie and Seth Penland
Children's Church	Lynn Zeller
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Chris Caromosino, Noah Caromosino, Ken Robbins, Vic Newquist, Mark Pignolet, Matt Hall
Greeters	<i>Sign up at cmpca.org/greeters</i>
Infants/Toddlers	Sarah Booker and Beth Arms
Children's Church	Steve Saville
Junior Assistants	Heidi McClendon, Benjamin Wald and Ella Cash
6:30pm	
Nursery	
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Worship
Wednesday	
5:30	Wednesday Night Alive Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group

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