

### **This Sunday at CMPC...**

This Sunday we come to the final verses in our study of *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* as Pastor John looks at 22.6-21 and *The Safest Place in the Universe*. We will also be commissioning the BridgeMont Mission Team. Then on Sunday evening Pastor John will look at Revelation 42 and *Remembering Your Dreams* in our **Summer in the SON** series *When Dreams Come True*. Our **SitSON** treat will be ice cream Sundays... perfect for a hot July evening!

Our hymns Sunday morning all focus on our hope of heaven and the New Jerusalem. We will gather with the gospel classic *I'll Fly Away*. Written in 1929 by Albert Brumley, it is the most recorded gospel song in history. Brumley wrote other gospel songs such as *Jesus, Hold My Hand*, *Turn Your Radio On*, *I'll Meet You in the Morning*, and *This World is Not My Home*. Two great recordings you might enjoy: Alison Krauss and Gillian Welch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uz-0C2dhKlg> and The Charlie Daniels Band (Pastor John's favorite): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBUEyMDiy9w>.

Our hymn of praise will be *All Around the World*, a 21<sup>st</sup> century hymn from the Getty/Townend team. Our hymn of testimony will be another gospel classic, this from 1893, *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*. James Black was inspired by the idea of the Bible's Book of Life, and by the absence of a child in his Sunday school class when the attendance was taken. The idea of someone's being not in attendance in heaven haunted Black, and after visiting the child's home and calling on a doctor to attend her for pneumonia, he went home and wrote the song after not finding one on a similar topic in his hymn collection. Even Winston Churchill liked this hymn! We will then respond to God's word with *What a Day That Will Be!* Another gospel hymn, this was written in the early 1950's by Jim Hill.

The New Jerusalem holds great joys for us- and when the New Jerusalem comes, what a day that will be!

*CMPC Sermon Notes* ♦ **Series:** *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* ♦ **Text:** *Revelation 22.6-21* ♦ **Message:** *The Safest Place in the Universe*

- Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado
- John Owen

#### **Trusting God's Word**

- Trustworthy words, points back to 1.2
  - Several verses here provide a connection
- Frames the message with assurance
  - What John has written can be counted on
  - We have the angel's affirmation

#### **Knowing What Time It is**

- What must soon take place, 1.1 and 22.6
- The time is near, 1.2, 22.10
- I am coming soon... three times
- Why 2000 years and near? The next event on the coming of God's kingdom – and the last event- is King Jesus coming back.

#### **Realizing Obedience/holiness matter: grace-fueled**

- Keep the words- sane as in 1.3

- Remember, it's a daily thing
- In a world of persecution and frustration and opposition... we keep going.

### **Worshiping: An Obsession with Jesus**

- John confirms his eyewitness factor and John's error: worshiping the angel
  - Fellow servant
  - The prophets and those who keep the words of this book
  - Do not seal- unlike Daniel, who was told to seal.
- The time is near
- Continuing behavior
- Great contrast- all humanity divided into two groups
- Life of degradation or a life of holiness
- I am coming soon
  - Recompense
- Alpha and Omega, first and the last, beginning and the end, 21.6
  - Cf. Isaiah 41.4; 44.6; 48.12: Jesus now appropriates words assigned to God to himself
    - Darrell Johnson: "The telos of an acorn is an oak tree. The telos of creation is Jesus Christ."

### **Knowing the Difference**

- Blessed
  - Wash their robes
  - Right to the tree of Life
  - Covenant- The blessing of eternal life, that humans were barred from receiving after the fall, is now restored.
  - Enter the City
- Those who are left outside- same list as 21.8 with addition of dogs
- Jesus sent his angel to testify to these things for the churches.
- Three different Messianic references.
  - The Root (Rev 5:5; Isa 11:1, 10)
  - The Descendant of David (Mt 1:1)
  - The Bright Morning Star (Num 24:17)- Peter also refers to Jesus as the Morning star

### **Accepting The Great Invitation**

- Come
  - The Spirit and the Bride lead the church in prayer
  - Those who hear say
- Thirsty come: take the water of life without price
- **We are born with a thirst that nothing in this world can quench.**

### **Final Thoughts**

- Somber warning about adding to God's words
  - Like a copyright
- Jesus reaffirms: Surely I am coming soon.
- So We pray: Come, Lord Jesus
  - Carry out your plan in history with a view toward your coming
- The Benediction: It's all about grace... grace saves us... grace sustains us... grace leads us home

- ARE WE PREPARED?

***So What About Us?***

- John Wesley
- Never lose sight of the majesty and glory of Christ
- Annie Johnson Flint poem *Looking for Jesus*

“It is not for a sign we are watching...

For wonders above and below

The pouring of vials of judgment,

The sounding of trumpets of woe;

It is not for a Day we are looking

Not even the time yet to be

When the earth shall be filled with God's glory

As the waters cover the sea;

It is not for a King we are longing

To make the world-kings His own;

It is not for a Judge who shall summon

The nations of earth to His throne.

“Not for these, though we know they are coming;

For they are but adjuncts of Him,

Before whom all glory is clouded,

Beside whom all splendor grows dim.

We wait for the Lord, our Beloved,

Our Comforter, Master and Friend,

The substance of all that we hope for,

Beginning of faith and its end;

We watch for our Savior and Bridegroom,

Who loved us and made us His own;

For Him, we are looking and longing;

For Jesus, and Jesus alone.”

**WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD****JULY 9, 2023****GATHERING TO WORSHIP****Prelude***As we quiet our hearts for worship, please  
silence all phones and electronic devices.***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***I'll Fly Away*Some glad morning when this life is o'er I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore I'll fly away.Refrain: *I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.**When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away;

To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

©1932, 1960 Albery E. Brumley and Sons ARR/UBP ccli #184884**ADORATION OF GOD****Call to Worship:** "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." - Revelation 22.12-13**Invocation****Declaration of Truth:***The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.**The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.***EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM**Tonight we continue *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*.

Tonight Pastor John will be looking at Genesis 42 and

*Remembering Your Dreams*.

Pick up a coloring sheet in the narthex. Tonight's menu: Ice Cream Sundaes!

**Hymn of Praise***All Around the World*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 forthChorus:*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 comeBoldly 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**CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE****Mission Moment** Commissioning of BridgeMont Mission Team  
**Pastoral Prayer****OUR GIFTS TO GOD****Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings***Please pass and sign the registration pad 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.**The Gift of Music***E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be  
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord  
The Lord, Almighty God  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
Sing Holy, Holy Lord  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon  
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun  
For Christ will be their All!**Hymn of Testimony***When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

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When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,  
and the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
when the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.Refrain:*When the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.*On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
and the glory of his resurrection share;  
when his chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,  
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,  
let us talk of all his wondrous love and care;  
then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,  
and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD****Reading of God's Word**

Revelation 22.6- 21

Pew Bible, p. 1042

**All:** *The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.***Prayer of Illumination****Sermon***The Safest Place in the Universe*

Pastor John

Series: *Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow: The Book of Revelation***OUR RESPONSE****Prayer of Application****Hymn of Response***What a Day That Will Be*There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come  
No more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye.  
All is peace forevermore on that happy golden shore.  
What a day glorious day that will be!Refrain:*What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see,  
And I look upon His face the One who saved me by His grace.  
When He takes me by the hand and leads me thro' the promised land;  
What a day, glorious day that will be!*There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,  
No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there.  
And forever I will be with the One who died for me.  
What a day, glorious day that will be!©1955 Ben L. Speer. ARR/UBP CCLI 184884**The Benediction and Threefold Amen***The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*

- Revelation 22.21

Serving Christ at CMPC July 9

Lock-up	Steve Saville and PJ Friedell
<b>8:30am</b>	
Ushers	Jeff Widstrom, Alex Widstrom, Jeff Brack, Jackie Souther, Gary Lewis, Jake Braselton
Greeters	<i>Sign up at <a href="http://cmpca.org/greeters">cmpca.org/greeters</a></i>
Infants/Toddlers	Merry Blair
Children's Church	Ruth Ann Knight
Junior Assistants	
<b>11am</b>	
Ushers	Jay Carson, Kim Reed, Andy Wald, Caleb Wald, Stephen Wald, Benjamin Wald
Greeters	<i>Sign up at <a href="http://cmpca.org/greeters">cmpca.org/greeters</a></i>
Infants/Toddlers	Bethany and David Batusic
Children's Church	Nancy Burkhart
Junior Assistants	Paul Burkhart and Hannah Prince
<b>6:30pm</b>	
Nursery	
<b>Today</b>	<b>This Week at CMPC</b>
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30pm	Summer in the Son Ice Cream Sundaes

**Wednesday**

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