

## WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 15, 2024

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

#### Prelude

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

#### Announcements and Welcome

Ben Phillips,  
Pastor of Ministries

### ADORATION OF GOD

#### Call to Worship

Hebrews 1:1-3

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

#### 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.*

#### *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

*The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God.*

#### Hymn of Praise

*How Great Thou Art*

#44

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

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### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### Gift of Music

#### Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Today's Word and Deed offering will be used to meet needs in our community.  
*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

*Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

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

Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes  
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### THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

#### Reading of God's Word

Ephesians 3:1-13

pew Bible p. 977

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

Isaiah 40:8

#### Prayer of Illumination

#### Sermon

"God's Manifold Wisdom"  
*Series: God's Ultimate Plan*

Pastor Rick Holmes

**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.

#### Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Hymn of Preparation

*Beneath The Cross Of Jesus*

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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.*

### OUR RESPONSE

#### Hymn of Celebration

*He Is Lord*

He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord

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#### The Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC September 15

Lock-up	Terry Ensley and Andy Wald
<b>8:30am</b>	
Ushers	Don Shanks, Chuck Eidson, Eric Tucker, Marty Moore
Greeters	Karon Pinion
Infants/Toddlers	Kim Burdette
Children's Church	Laurie Martin
Junior Assistants	
<b>11am</b>	
Ushers	Steve Saville, Richard Conley, Ryan Conley, Michael Johnson, Sawyer Johnson, Edd Price, Paul Burkhart
Greeters	Melissa Batusic and Allie Batusic
Infants/Toddlers	Sarah Lingerfelt an Kathy Kilgore
Children's Church	Jamie Huff
Junior Assistants	Caleb Wald and Marion Huff
<b>6:30pm</b>	
Nursery	
	<b>This Week at CMPC</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:15pm	Kids of the Kingdom
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Worship Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	
	Wednesday Night Alive
5:30	Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group



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