

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Dee Hammond, Pastor of Missions and Outreach

The Song of Ascent

God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Congregation

Psalm 119 with The Solid Rock/Word

How can a young man cleanse his way? Let him with care Your word obey.
With all my heart I seek for You; From Your commands let me not stray.

Refrain: *On Christ the solid Word I stand,*

All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

Your word I've treasured in my heart So that from You I will not turn.
That I'll not sin, O blessed Lord Your statutes teach, that I may learn.

Your testimonies I have kept, For they are wondrous in my eyes.
The op'n-ing of Your word gives light And makes the simple-hearted wise.

Make firm my footsteps by Your word And let no sin rule over me.
Redeem me from oppressive pow'r That all Your precepts I may keep.

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.
Psalm 138.1-2

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

Psalm 19.7,10; Deuteronomy 32.46-47

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

All: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

All: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader: "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law.

All: "For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."

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.

Hymn of Praise

Reformation Hymn

We will trust God's Word alone, where His perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand while His Truth forever stands.

We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ and His finished sacrifice.

Refrain: *Glory be, glory be to God alone
Through the church He redeemed and made His own.
He has freed us, He will keep us till we're safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!*

We are saved by grace alone—undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.

We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar, still he reigns forevermore!

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CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Reception of New Members

Richard and Coleman Friedell

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Mission Moment

Andrew & Krista May

Serving with *Mission to the World* in Cusco, Peru

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

The Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

How Firm a Foundation

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(Children ages three through third grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.
"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³ and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Equipping God's People

Pastor John

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

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Every Promise of Your Word

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

For Your covenant is sure, And on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Through this dark and troubled land You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

And You've promised to complete Ev'ry work begun in me—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Grace sufficient, grace for me, Grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for January 9, 2022

- **Series:** *Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow: The Book of Revelation*
- **Message:** *“Equipping God’s People”*
- **Text:** Isaiah 2.1-5

The Certainty of Truth: God has Spoken (2.1)

- Reality: God has spoken and communicated His Word
- Basic conviction: this is the very Word of God
 - Changes how we look at this book
- A firm foundation
- God’s Word shapes our view of God, His world and us
 - Truth that transforms us (All Scripture is profitable)
- Drives us to discipleship

The Superiority of God and His Truth (2.2a)

- Unpopular proposition: Absolute truth in a Pluralistic world
- The world’s idea: “Climb Every Mountain”
- Reality: God and His truth triumph
- People search for truth; many do not think it exists
- Hope: ultimate triumph of God and His Truth

The Attraction of God’s Truth (2.2b-3)

- Ultimate hunger
- A river flowing up the mountain!
- Great Commission/Great Realization
- Propelled!
- Role models
 - We have an attractive gospel
- Desire for sanctification
 - God’s Word keeps us God-centered, not human-centered, in our approach to life
 - God’s Word must be applied
- God will make sure His word goes out

The Application of God’s Truth (2.4)

- Jesus’ Word is the standard
- We must apply the Word of God to all of life
- God’s Word will triumph
- Human hostility will only be broken by divine intervention

Our Resolution to Walk in God’s Truth (2.5)

- Resolve to live by the light God’s Word gives to us
- God’s Word gives us light
- The Persecuted Church’s struggle

So What About Us?

- “We have never truly breathed air nor seen light until we have breathed in the God-inspired Bible and see the world in the Bible’s light.” —Dostoevsky