

**WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD**

September 17, 2023

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP****Prelude***As we quiet our hearts for worship,  
please silence all electronic devices.***Welcome and Announcements**Ben Phillips  
Pastor of Ministries**ADORATION OF GOD****Call to Worship:**

Philippians 2:9-11

*“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”***Invocation****Declaration of Truth:**

Psalm 27:1-4

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?***<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.****<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.****<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.****Hymn of Praise** *Across the Lands*  
You're the Word of God the Father From before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together By the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!**Refrain:** *You're the Author of creation;  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of the cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You stilled the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free!With a shout You rose victorious, Wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven, Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!

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**OUR GIFTS TO GOD****Gift of Music***His Eye Is On The Sparrow*Choir and  
soloist Myria Charles**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** *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery**(Children ages 3 thru 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 usCome 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 standCome 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 untoldCome 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** *Philippians 1:12-20* pew bible p. 980**All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.****Prayer of Illumination****Sermon** *"Prison, Perspective & The Proclamation of Christ"*

Dee Hammond

*Series: Philippians* Pastor of Missions and Outreach**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***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

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Alas! and did my Savior bleed And did my Sovereign die  
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I**Refrain:**At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light  
And the burden of my heart rolled away  
It was there by faith I received my sight  
And now I am happy all the day!Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, Thine And bathed in its own blood  
While the firm mark of wrath divine His Soul in anguish stoodWas it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree  
Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in  
When Christ, the mighty Maker died For man the creature sin**OUR RESPONSE****Hymn of Celebration***Crown Him With Many Crowns*

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Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**Word and Deed Offering:** Today's word and deed offering will be used to meet needs in our community.**Our Response****Hymn of Parting***Crown Him With Many Crowns (vs 4)*Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**The Benediction and Three-fold Amen****EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM**Pastor Ben will look at Luke 15:11-32 in our ongoing series from Luke,  
*Becoming Certain About the Story.*

Serving Christ at CMPC September 17

Lock-up	Terry Ensley and James Hinds
<b>8:30am</b>	
Ushers	Don Shanks, Chuck Eidson, Eric Tucker, Marty Moore, Leon Darghosian
Greeters	<i>Sign up at <a href="http://cmpca.org/greeters">cmpca.org/greeters</a></i>
Infants/Toddlers	Faye Kirkland
Children's Church	Lynn Zeller
Junior Assistants	
<b>11am</b>	
Ushers	Steve Saville, Richard Conley, Ryan Conley, Michael Johnson, Sawyer Johnson, Edd Price
Greeters	<i>Sign up at <a href="http://cmpca.org/greeters">cmpca.org/greeters</a></i>
Infants/Toddlers	Katie and Layne Hammond
Children's Church	Becky Ensley
Junior Assistants	Ella Cash and Benjamin Wald
<b>6:30pm</b>	
Nursery	
<b>Today</b>	<b>This Week at CMPC</b>
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Alive</b>
5:30	Meal
6:30	Orchestra Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group



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Scott Allen • Bob Bishop • Bryan Cox • Jason Cunningham • Terry Ensley  
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*Last names and locations withheld due to the sensitive nature of their situations.*

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