

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

We remain in chapter 14 of Revelation this Sunday in our series *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* and will be looking again at verses 12 and 13 with Pastor John's message, *Refrain: To the Place I Belong*. Then on Sunday evening Pastor Ben will be looking at Luke 10.17-24 in our series *Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story*.

By way of reminder, on Wednesday we have the *LifeSouth* blood drive. Give in honor of Kennedy's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday! The need is great, and when God blesses us with the opportunity and health to give, we should.

*This Sunday's hymns all deal with our text and theme To the Place I Belong*. We will gather to worship with an old gospel hymn (and yes, it's in the Trinity Hymnal!) that we've sung only 4 times in the last 20 years: *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*. In 1893, then 37 year old Sunday School teacher and youth leader James Black was calling the roll for the Sunday evening youth meeting, and a 14 year old girl was not present. The thought bothered Black... and he began to think about a roll being called up in heaven. Now, that's not necessarily a biblical thought; nonetheless, going home, he thought about it and First Thessalonians 4.16. He looked for a hymn about it, and came up empty. So he wrote his own... and he wrote out the tune one time that day... and not a note of it has ever been changed! This hymn has now been translated into at least 14 languages and been recorded by at least 500 different artists. It was also in the 1941 film *Sergeant York*; and Winston Churchill even referred to it on at least one occasion.

Our hymn of praise will be a new 21<sup>st</sup> century hymn that the choir has sung: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*. Our hymn of testimony will be *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*. British Pastor Samuel Stennett wrote this hymn in the 18<sup>th</sup> century; the refrain was added later in this country. The original British tune was written in a minor mode; here in this country, it was given an Appalachian melody. We use a 1997 modified version of that Appalachian melody.

We will then respond to God's word with *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, an 18<sup>th</sup> century Welsh hymn written to a Welsh tune by the great Welsh hymnwriter William Williams. It was used at both the funeral of Princess Diana of Wales and at the wedding of her son, Prince William. We will use it to encourage us on our pilgrim pathway through God's world.

There are three other deadlines/opportunities to remind you about:

- Shoeboxes for *Samaritan's Purse* are due on November 20
- *The Children's Ministry Appreciation Breakfast* is November 20 at 9:30 in the nursery lobby for all those who serve in any capacity in the children's ministry;
- *Mountain Climbers* meets on November 21 at 6pm... sign up in the narthex.

Please continue praying for our nation: pray for our leaders; pray for God to revive his church and in turn bring about an awakening in our nation so that many will come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow ♦ **Text:** Revelation 14.12-13 ♦ **Message:** Refrain: To the Place I Belong

- John is writing to exiles who do not fit in where they are and are on their journey home to the place they belong
- Refrain: what holds a song together
- John's "refrains" in Revelation
- Endurance/commandments/faith

#### **A Primer on Faith and Works**

- Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone
  - Our Salvation: the work of God
  - Our Works: what we do in response to salvation
  - Ephesians 2.8-10
  - James 2.18
- Grace gives all the glory to God
  - When people are focused on grace, they sometimes struggle with the idea of works/obedience.
  - Obedience/works is not the opposite of grace; obedience/works reveals God's grace

#### **The Call for Endurance, 12**

- Need and value
- Who are the saints?
- When the world is falling apart...
- A call to holiness
- A call to faith
- We endure through faith and obedience/holiness
  - Habits of holiness
- A long obedience in the same direction

#### **The Impact, 13**

- Our journey's end
  - Death does come: part of the fall
    - For us: a transition
- Blessed: those who die in the Lord
  - Those who die finding their identity and their hope in Jesus' life, death and resurrection
  - Blessed: already entered into the joy and glory of God
    - No uncertainty
    - Absent from the body, present with the Lord
      - Winston Churchill's funeral
  - Great comfort
- Rest
  - From their labors
  - Adam's work
  - Joni Eareckson Tada: What did she look forward to?
  - William Tong's view (completed book of Revelation for Matthew Henry)
- How do our works follow us?

- Rewarded in eternity, II Corinthians 5.10
- Acknowledging Isaiah 64.4
- God's transforming power
- Ongoing impact here
  - Motivated: I Corinthians 15.57-58
  - The impact of those who've gone before us
  - Our impact on those who follow

***So What About Us?***

- Reaching out to a searching world
- Their longing: A place where they can belong

**WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD**

November 13, 2022

**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** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* (vs 1 & 3) #541When 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.*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.**ADORATION OF GOD****Call to Worship:**But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the  
heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the  
assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of  
all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator  
of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than  
the blood of Abel.... Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that  
cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with  
reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

— Hebrews 12.22-24; 28-29

**Invocation****Declaration of Truth:** *The Heidelberg Catechism, Question One***Leader:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?**All:** That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to  
my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his  
precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also  
watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without  
the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my  
salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of  
eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to  
live for him.**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30PM**Join us tonight as Pastor Ben looks at Luke 10:17-24 in our series,  
*Luke: Becoming Certain About the Story.***Hymn of Praise***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to him belong

Who holds our days within his hand?

What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand

Refrain: *O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal**O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess**Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good

Where is his grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?

"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with him

There we will rise to meet the Lord

Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore.

**CMPC Mission and Family Life****Mission Moment****Pastoral Prayer****OUR GIFTS TO GOD****The Gift of Music***Let All Things Now Living*

Handbell Choir

**Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering***The Doxology*

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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving****Hymn of Testimony***On Jordan's Stormy Banks**(Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,

And cast a wishful eye

To Canaan's fair and happy land,

Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,

Shines one eternal day;

There God the Son forever reigns,

And scatters night away.

Refrain: *I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)**I am bound for promised land,**I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)**I am bound for promised land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath

Can reach that healthful shore;

Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,

Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,

And be forever blessed?

When shall I see my Father's face,

And in His bosom rest?

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Revelation 14.12-13

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**All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.****Prayer of Illumination****Sermon***Refrain: To the Place I Belong*

Pastor John

Series— *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow***OUR RESPONSE****Prayer of Application****Hymn of Response***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but Thou art mighty,

Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,

Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,

Be Thou still my strength and shield;

Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,

Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death and hell's destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to Thee;

I will ever give to Thee.

Musing on my habitation,

Musing on my heav'nly home,

Fills my soul with holy longings:

Come, my Jesus, quickly come;

Van-i- ty is all I see;

Lord, I long to be with Thee!

Lord, I long to be with Thee!

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**