

## Worship of the Living God

May 24, 2026

### Prelude

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

### Announcements and Welcome

Pastor Steven Clark

### Adoration of God

### The Song of Ascent

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

### Congregation

*He Is Exalted*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

### Call to Worship

Psalm 2:1-6

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,

“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then He will

speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying,

“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

### Invocation

### Declaration of Truth

Westminster Shorter Catechism  
Questions & Answer 37

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ when they die?

**All: When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection.**

*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

*O Worship The King*

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O worship the King, all glorious above,

O gratefully sing His power and His love;

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Your power has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless might! Ineffable love!  
While angels delight to hymn You above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

### Pastoral Prayer and Confession of Sin

#### Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 33:22

For the Lord is our judge; the Lord is our lawgiver; the Lord is our king; He will save us.

#### Our Gifts to God

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

*Please sign and pass the Sunday Register in the hymnal rack.*

#### The Gift of Music

*When Amidst The Storm I'm Shaken*

Choir

*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

*In Christ Alone*

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

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine— bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

### Proclaiming the Word of God

#### Reading of God's Word

Mark 6:14-29

(pew Bible pg. 801/840)

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

Isaiah 40:8

#### Prayer of Illumination

#### Sermon

The Death Of John The Baptist

Pastor Steven Clark

#### Our Response

#### Prayer of Application

#### Hymn of Response

*Afflicted Saint, To Christ Draw Near*

Afflicted Saint, to Christ draw near, your Savior's gracious promise hear  
His faithful word you can believe that as your days your strength shall be

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong and if the conflict should be long  
The Lord will make the tempter flee that as your days your strength shall be

So, sing with joy, afflicted one the battle's fierce, but the victory's won  
God shall supply all that you need, yes, as your days your strength shall be

Should persecution rage and flame, still trust in your Redeemer's name  
In fiery trials, you shall see that as your days your strength shall be

So, sing with joy, afflicted one, the battle's fierce, but the victory's won  
God shall supply all that you need, yes, as your days your strength shall be

When called to bear your weighty cross or sore affliction, pain, or loss  
Or deep distress or poverty, still as your days your strength shall be

So, sing with joy, afflicted one, the battle's fierce, but the victory's won  
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### The Benediction and Threefold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC May 24

**8:30am**

Ushers Don Painter, Dan Freeman, Al Roth, Rob Mundy

Infants/Toddlers Sarah Cox and Harper Cox

Children's Church John and Becky Batusic

Junior Assistants Susannah Eaton

**11am**

Ushers Chris Carmosino, Ken Robbins,  
Vic Newquist, Mark Pignolet

Infants/Toddlers Audrey, Lily, and Hannah Prince

Children's Church Daniel Lingerfelt

Junior Assistants Hannah Kate Phillips, Stephen McClendon,  
and Cana Cummings

**This Week at CMPC**

**Sunday**

8:30am, 11am Worship Services

10am Sunday School

6:30pm Sunday Evening Worship Service

**Wednesday**

5:30pm Wednesday Night Alive  
Meal:  
Chicken Teriyaki with Rice  
Broccoli  
Rolls  
Pie

Chicken Nuggets and Fries for kids  
*Sign up for the meal by Monday  
at cmpca.org or in the Welcome Center!*

6pm Orchestra  
6:30pm Choir and WNA Classes



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**CMPC Supported Missions**

Unless otherwise indicated, all missionaries are with *Mission to the World*

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*Last names and locations withheld due to the sensitive nature of their situations.*

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