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APRIL 26, 2020

Psalm

WORSHIP IN



REAL LIFE

A SPECIAL SERMON SERIES

welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

calendar

- Need info? Trouble logging in? E-mail info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org
 - Sundays 9:30am - Livestream Worship Service - Facebook live
 - Mondays 7:00pm - ZOOM Small Group - email for info
 - Tuesdays 7:00pm - Live with Pastor Mike - Facebook live
 - Wednesdays - ZOOM Bible Studies - Men 7:00am / Ladies 7:00pm
 - Thursdays - Sunday Preview and Prayer with Pastor Mike - FB/Instagram
 - Fridays - Women's Ministry Minute - FB/Instagram
- STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ON ALL FUTURE MINISTRIES

finances

General Offering - March '20	\$21,292.37
Designated Gifts - March '20	\$971.25
YTD General Offering thru March '20	\$64,434.61
YTD Budget	\$322,562.00

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worship guide

April 26, 2020

Our passage today is from Psalm 22. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” [Isaiah 40:28-31 ESV]

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Consider the discipline of lament. What are the common themes in some lament Psalms? What does that look like today?
- Look at the rawness of this Psalm - especially verse 1 - have you, or someone you know, felt like this? Share a little of what that was like.
- What are some practical ways that you are able to push through the doubt and darkness to Jesus?
- How are you processing the virus and quarantine? Where have you had to wrestle through where your security lies?
- Tell us about a time when God worked a bigger purpose in the midst of an individual situation.
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Psalm 23

SING

Be Thou My Vision | Build My Life/Great is Thy Faithfulness |
His Mercy is More

sermon notes

April 26, 2020

PSALM 22

From Suffering to Praise

1. God, Where are You? [22:1-10; 1 Peter 5:7]

Faith pushes through the moments of doubt and darkness.

2. Do Something! [22:11-21a]

In the presence of danger, we call on God for deliverance.

3. Answered [22:21b-31]

God works his global purposes through answered prayer.

Big Idea: Those who hope in deliverance, wait on the Deliverer.

VERSE 1

**Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.**

VERSE 2

**Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee,
and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.**

VERSE 3

**Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance,
now and always:
Thou and Thou only,
first in my heart,
High King of heaven,
my Treasure Thou art.**

VERSE 4

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heavn's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

**Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You (we live for You)**

Build My Life

Verse 2

**Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You, oh we live for You**

Chorus

**Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You,
open up my eyes in wonder**

**Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
To those around me**

Verse 1

**Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You (we live for You)**

Chorus

Bridge

**And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken**

**I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken**

Chorus

**Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You,
open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me**

**Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You,
open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me**

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CHORUS

Great is Thy faithfulness.

Great is Thy faithfulness.

**Morning by morning
new mercies I see.**

All I have needed

Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness,

Lord, unto me.

VERSE 1

**What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.**

**Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

VERSE 2

**What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender,
is calling us home?**

**He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

VERSE 3

**What riches of kindness
He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost.**

His Mercy is More

**We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford,
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more.**

CHORUS

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