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MAY 17, 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 - April '20	\$19,650.13
Designated Gifts - April '20	\$2,003.95
YTD General Offering thru April '20	\$8,424.50
YTD Budget	\$322,562.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

May 17, 2020

Please welcome Josh Barlow - Family Pastor at the Green Pond Bible Chapel. Josh will be preaching from Psalm 25. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

[Romans 5:1-5 ESV]

PRAY//CONSIDER//DISCUSS

- What do you know about God: His character, purposes, and work? How does this knowledge grow your reliance on Him?
- What does your prayer life look like? Do you praise God, confession your sin, seek His will, and make humble requests?
- How does the gospel increase your dependence on God, even when life seems overwhelming and you feel undeserving?

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Grace Unmeasured | He Will Hold Me Fast | In Christ Alone

sermon notes

May 17, 2020

PSALM 25

Being Dependent on God

1. **The Relationship of Knowing and Depending [25:1-7]**
2. **To Whom May Fear [25:8-14]**
3. **Considering Redemption [25:15-22]**

Big Idea: Dependence on God comes from knowing God.

Grace Unmeasured

Verse 1

**Grace unmeasured vast and free
That knew me from eternity
That called me out before my birth
To bring You glory on this earth**

**Grace amazing pure and deep
That saw me in my misery
That took my curse and owned my blame
So I could bear Your righteous name**

Chorus 1

**Grace paid for my sins
And brought me to life
Grace clothes me with power
To do what is right**

**Grace will lead me to heaven
Where I'll see Your face
And never cease
To thank You for Your grace**

Verse 2

**Grace abounding strong and true
That makes me long to be like You
That turns me from my selfish pride
To love the cross on which You died**

**Grace unending all my days
You'll give me strength to run this race
And when my years on earth are through
The praise will all belong to You**

Chorus 1

Written by Bob Kauflin. 2005 Sovereign Grace Praise (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (IMI))

He Will Hold Me Fast

**When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.**

**I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.**

Chorus

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

**Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.**

**He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.**

Chorus

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

**For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.**

**Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
when He comes at last**

Chorus

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

**For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!**

Written By: Ada Ruth Habershon and Matt Merker

Verse 1

**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**

Verse 2

**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 every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

Verse 3

**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**

**On Christ the Solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

In Christ Alone

**On Christ the Solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

Verse 4

**No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny**

**No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

**No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

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