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MAY 24, 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

Or you can mail a check to Highlands Bible Church, 307 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07462.

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worship guide

May 24, 2020

Please welcome Andy Brown - Associate Pastor at the Green Pond Bible Chapel. Andy will be preaching from Psalm 26. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”
[Ephesians 2:4-10 ESV]

PRAY//CONSIDER//DISCUSS

- How do you feel about the all-knowing God testing and revealing what is in your heart and mind?
- Who or what are you watching or listening to these days? How does this reflect your heart's desires?
- What do you miss about the gathering of the church on Sunday mornings? How does being with other believers encourage you in your day-to-day walk with the Lord?

SING

Living Hope | Christ is Risen | O Praise the Name

sermon notes

May 24, 2020

PSALM 26

Vindicate Me, O Lord

1. Psalm 26:1-3

Seek God to examine our souls

2. Psalm 26:4-8

Who we associate with reflects our hearts

3. Psalm 26:9-12

Big Idea: Our good works come from God's finished work on the cross.

Living Hope

Verse 1

**How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night**

**Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Verse 2

**Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame**

**The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

**Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

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Christ is Risen

Verse 1

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

Verse 2

**The prodigal is welcomed home
The sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life
And everything has changed**

**Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

Pre-chorus

**O death where is your sting
O fear where is your power**

**The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed eternal life is ours
O praise His name forever**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

**And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

Verse 3

**And on the day You call me in
To heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars Your open arms
The beauty of Your face**

**Through tears of joy
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

**And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave**

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O Praise the Name

Verse 1

**I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree**

Verse 2

**His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone**

Chorus 1

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore**

**For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

Verse 3

**Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King**

Chorus 1

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore**

**For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

Verse 4

**He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face**

Chorus 1

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore**

**For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

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