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MAY 31, 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
- **Member Meeting - ZOOM - Next Sunday, June 7th, 6pm**

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 31, 2020

Please welcome John Lisa - our Elder Chairman. John will be preaching from Psalm 136. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;”

[Psalm 136:1-3 ESV]

PRAY//CONSIDER//DISCUSS

- What does lovingkindness, steadfast love, covenant faithfulness, and enduring patience mean to us?
- What are 2 fantastic ways to learn? And why?
- What is the importance of being a servant to God?
- Do you have a personal testimony of God’s enduring patience?

SING

Come Praise and Glorify | O Fount of Love | Forever

sermon notes

May 31, 2020

PSALM 136

God’s Steadfast Love

1. Psalm 136:4-9; 10-16

The LORD is faithful to His covenant.

2. Psalm 136:17-22

His steadfast love endures forever.

3. Psalm 136:23-26

God’s enduring patience brings us to repentance.

Big Idea: God’s lovingkindness is everlasting.

VERSE 1

**Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured**

**For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally**

CHORUS

**To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

VERSE 2

**Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice**

**In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill**

CHORUS

**To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory**

You are the God who saves

VERSE 3

**Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord**

**The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One**

CHORUS

**To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

CHORUS

**To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

Written by Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin. 2011 Sovereign Grace Praise

O Fount of Love

Verse 1

**O fount of love divine that flows
From my Savior's bleeding side
Where sinners trade their filthy rags
For His righteousness applied**

**Mercy cleansing ev'ry stain
Now rushing o'er us like a flood
There the wretch and vilest ones
Stand adopted through His blood**

Verse 2

**O mount of grace to Thee we cling
From the law hath set us free
Once and for all on Calv'ry's hill
Love and justice shall agree**

**Praise the Lord the price is paid
The curse defeated by the Lamb
We who once were slaves by birth
Sons and daughters now we stand**

Verse 3

**O well of joy is mine to drink
For my Lord has conquered death
Victorious forevermore
The ancient foe is laid to rest**

**Hallelujah Christ is King
Alive and reigning on the throne
Our tongues employed with hymns of praise
Glory be to God alone**

Verse 1

**Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever**

Sing praise, sing praise

Verse 2

**With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever**

**Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise**

Chorus

**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever**

Verse 3

**From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever**

**Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise**

Chorus

Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us

Forever

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