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JUNE 7, 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 - TONIGHT, 6pm**

finances

General Offering - May '20	\$23,876.85
Designated Gifts - May'20	\$1,251.50
YTD General Offering thru May '20	\$108,411.59
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

June 7, 2020

Our passage today is from Psalm 27. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

[Deut 31:7-8 ESV]

PRAY//CONSIDER//DISCUSS

- In what or whom do you seek refuge in times of trouble?
- How do the spiritual disciplines (Bible study, worship, serving others, prayer, etc) bring you closer to God?
- What challenges your confidence and hope in God? Do those things compare to God’s beauty and power? How so?
- Faith in Christ draws us into God’s presence for all eternity, why must the gospel be your source for confidence before God?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Psalm 28

SING

Grace Unmeasured | God With Us | O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

sermon notes

June 7, 2020

PSALM 27

Practicing the Presence of God

1. Source of Confidence [27:1-6]

2. Pursuing through Adversity [27:7-12]

3. Hope in Life for Life [27:13-14]

Big Idea: Pursuing God’s presence produces confidence in 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

**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**

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God With Us

Verse 1

**You've come to bring peace,
To be love, to be nearer to us**

**You've come to bring life
To be light, to shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us**

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To be love, to be nearer to us**

**You've come to bring life
To be light, to shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us**

Chorus

**Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength**

**Over everything, our redemption
God with us
You are God with us**

Verse 2

**You've come to be hope
To this world
For Your honor and name**

**You've come to take sin,
To bear shame,
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us**

Chorus

**Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength**

**Over everything, our redemption
God with us
You are God with us**

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**O Lord, My Rock and My
Redeemer**

VERSE 1

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone**

**Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need**

VERSE 2

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts**

**My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night**

VERSE 3

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer**

May all my days bring glory to Your Name
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