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AUGUST 16, 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

- See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!
- Sundays 9:30am - Livestream Worship Service - Facebook live
- Mondays 7:00pm - Care Group - ZOOM
- Wednesdays - Men's Bible Study - 7am via Zoom
- Thursdays - Sunday Preview and Prayer with Pastor Mike - FB/Instagram
- Fridays - Women's Ministry Minute - FB/Instagram
- **Baptism Service - TODAY AFTER SERVICE! Directions at Welcome Table - All Welcome!**
- Member Meeting - Sunday, September 6th at 6pm
- Kingdom Kids ZOOM Calls! Thursday, August 20th
 - Adventurers - 4pm | Navigators - 7pm

finances

General Offering - July '20	\$17,938.45
Designated Gifts - July '20	\$649.97
YTD General Offering thru July '20	\$156,323.83
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

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worship guide

August 16, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Psalm 35. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

[Matthew 9:35-36 ESV]

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When you think of prayer, do you think of praying boldly? What does that look like? What is the boldest prayer you have ever prayed?
- How might God’s justice differ from our perception of justice?
- Look at Romans 12:15 - what does it practically mean for you to walk this out? Who comes to mind?
- Have you ever experienced unjust persecution? Were your good deeds returned with evil? How did you process everything?
- What does it really mean to pray inline with God’s will? How can we tell what God’s will is?
- Where are differences in your life that what you want might be different than what is best? How can others help you?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Hebrews 5:1-14

SING

Come Praise and Glorify | Man of Sorrows | How Great is Our God |
Great Are You Lord | His Mercy is More

sermon notes

August 16, 2020

PSALM 35

Unjust Persecution and Bold Prayers

1. Let Them Feel It [35:1-10]

Bold prayers seek God’s justice, not our agenda.

2. How Long? [35:11-18; Romans 12:15; Matthew 9:35-36]

Bold prayers are from a heart full of compassion.

3. AHA! [35:19-28; John 14:13-14]

Bold prayers are in line with God’s will.

Big Idea: Bold prayers aren’t for what we want, they are for what’s best.

Come Praise and Glorify

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

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Man of Sorrows

Verse 1

**Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid**

Verse 2

**Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns**

Chorus 1

**Oh that rugged cross
My salvation
Where Your love
Poured out over me**

**Now my soul
Cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

Verse 3

**Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree**

Chorus 1

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

Bridge

**Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled**

**Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed**

**Chorus 1
Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

**Verse 4
See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave**

**Chorus 1
Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee**

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How Great is Our God

Verse 1

**The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice**

**He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice**

Chorus 1

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

Verse 2

**And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End**

**The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb**

Chorus 1

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

Bridge

**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God**

**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God**

Chorus 1

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

**Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art!
How great thou art!**

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my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art!
How great thou art!**

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Verse 1

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken**

Great are You, Lord

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken**

Great are You, Lord

Chorus 1

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only**

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So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise**

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only**

**Bridge
All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord**

**All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord**

**All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry
These bones will sing
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To You only**

**Great are You, Lord
Great are You, Lord**

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His Mercy is More

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.**

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

CHORUS

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

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

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His mercy is more**

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