

# leadership

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NOVEMBER 15, 2020

# JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise



# 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!
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- MidWeek Study - 6:30pm - Wednesdays - Bible Overview - at HBC
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays and Thursdays, see Mel or Doreen
- **Member Meeting - TONIGHT, 6pm**
- Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 25, 6:30pm

## finances

General Offering - Oct '20	\$28,361.85
Designated Gifts - Oct '20	\$784.10
YTD General Offering thru Oct '20	\$220,686.98
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

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# worship guide

**November 15, 2020**

Our sermon passage today is from Joshua 24. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

(Matthew 16:24-25 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about a covenant - what is it? Is it a big deal? What examples can you think of as modern day covenants?
- Consider grace - what does it mean? How has God shown us grace?
- Read Romans 4:16 where does the promise rest? What other verses can you think of that speak of God’s grace toward us in Jesus?
- What is idolatry? What are modern day idols? What idols do you need to get rid of?
- How is self-denial a good thing? [see Matthew 16:24-25]
- What things do you do to remember the covenant you are in with God?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Romans 12:9-13

## SING

Before the Throne of God Above | Grace Unmeasured| Great Are You  
Lord | He Will Hold Me Fast | Yet Not I But Christ In Me

# sermon notes

**November 15, 2020**

## JOSHUA 24

*Farewell Address, Part 2 - Covenant Renewal*

1. Covenant Prologue: History... [24:1-13; Romans 4:16]

**Covenant faithfulness requires grace.**

2. Covenant Conditions: Nope [24:14-24; Matthew 16:24-25]

**Covenant faithfulness requires commitment.**

3. Covenant Remembrance: Another Altar [24:25-33]

**Covenant faithfulness requires remembering.**

**Verse 1**

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me**

**My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

**Verse 2**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin**

**Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me**

**Verse 3**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
my perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The king of glory and of grace**

**One with Himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by his blood  
My life hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and My God**

**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**

**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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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  
Great are You, Lord**

**All the earth will shout Your praise  
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Great are You, Lord**

**Chorus 1**

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**

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**



**Verse 1**

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 2**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed**

**To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 3**

**No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave**

**To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 4**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Ending**

**When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**