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November 22, 2020



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
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wednesday, November 25, 6:30pm**

finances

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| 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 22, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Romans 15:1-7. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

(Philippians 2:5-8 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about our society - what are some things that divide people? How is the church called to be different?
- Read Romans 12:1 - what does it mean to be a living sacrifice? Why does Paul say to do this? [Hint - see Chapters 1-11!]
- What does it mean to bear with one another? Think of a few examples where you have had to bear with someone.
- Look over Philippians 2:1-11 - what things jump out at you and why?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Matthew 1:1-17

SING

Because He Lives [Amen] | Lord Most High | Christ is Mine Forevermore
| O Great God | O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

sermon notes

November 22, 2020

ROMANS 15:1-7

In Pursuit of Unity

1. The Issues Isn't the Issue [15:1-2; 12:1; 14:1-4]

Unity in the church is about bearing with one another.

2. Like Jesus...[15:3-4; Psalm 69:9]

Unity in the church is about being like Jesus

3. The Goal: God's Glory [15:5-7]

Big Idea: God given unity creates a God glorifying community.

Verse 1

**I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood.**

Chorus

**Amen, amen,
I'm alive I'm alive Because He lives.
Amen, amen,
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives.**

Verse 2

**I was dead in the grave,
I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away!**

Chorus

Bridge

**Because He lives
I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives
Ev'ry fear is gone.**

**I know He holds my life
My future in His hand.**

Chorus

Verse 1

**From the ends of the earth (ECHO)
From the depths of the sea (ECHO)
From the heights of the heavens (ECHO)
Your name be praised**

**From the hearts of the weak (ECHO)
From the shouts of the strong (ECHO)
From the lips of all people (ECHO)
This song we raise Lord**

Chorus 1

**Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises
Lord Most High**

**Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord Most High be magnified**

Verse 1

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From the depths of the sea (ECHO)
From the heights of the heavens (ECHO)
Your name be praised**

**From the hearts of the weak (ECHO)
From the shouts of the strong (ECHO)
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This song we raise Lord**

Chorus 1

Verse 1

**Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings**

Chorus 1

**But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore**

Verse 2

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good**

Chorus 2

**But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me**

Verse 3

**Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name**

Chorus 3

**But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore**

Chorus 4

**And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore**

Bridge

**Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore**

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For His love is my reward
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Christ is mine forevermore**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
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For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore**

**Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore**

Verse 1

**O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r**

**Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more**

Verse 2

**I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys**

**Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace**

Verse 3

**Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face**

**You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me**

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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
May all my days bring glory to Your Name**