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EASTER 2021



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]

kingdom kids

We love kids at Highlands!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Pick up will be outside, weather permitting! Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)

Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

calendar

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Study - going on now - Talk to Melanie Ruel or Doreen Baxter today!
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- Wednesdays: MidWeek Study - 6:30pm Wednesdays - at church
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, April 11th 6pm
- Work Day - Saturday, May 8th 8am-12pm
- Member Meeting - Sunday, May 23rd 6pm

finances

General Offering - Mar 2021	\$23,674.01
Designated Gifts - Mar 2021	\$571.46
YTD General Offering thru Mar 2021	\$66,673.51
2021 Budget	\$314,511.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. Additionally, you can give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

Easter Sunday - April 4, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from 1 Corinthians 15:12-22. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

-Jesus, in Luke 6:32-36 ESV

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What are your thoughts on the resurrection of Jesus? Scientifically impossible? Skeptical? Do you believe it?
- What other claims in the Bible do you have trouble believing? Who have you talked to about them?
- What other scripture passages come to mind about the centrality of the resurrection of Jesus?
- According to John 3:37, what is the danger of remaining in unbelief?
- Have you made a conscious decision to believe in who the Bible claims Jesus is? Why or why not?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Matthew 6:1-4

SING

Because He Lives | O Praise the Name |
Behold Our God | O Great God | Man of Sorrows
Death Was Arrested

sermon notes

April 4, 2021

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-22

How Can You Say There is No Resurrection?

1. Belief Buffet. [15:12-13]

Christ's resurrection is not an isolated incident.

2. It's All Useless. [15:14-19; Luke 9:22; John 3:37]

Christ's resurrection is critical to our faith.

3. But in fact.... [15:20-22; Galatians 3:26]

Big Idea: Christ's resurrection enables our resurrection.

Verse 1

**How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night**

**Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Verse 2

**Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame**

**The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Chorus 2

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Verse 3

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me**

Verse 3 Repeat

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory**

Chorus 1

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Chorus 3

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Tag

**Jesus Christ my living hope
O God you are my living hope**

Verse 1

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave

I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

Verse 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross

And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Chorus 1

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Verse 3

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me

O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Chorus 1

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.**

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

**Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more**

Verse 1

**Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice.**

Behold Our God

Chorus 1

**Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.**

Verse 2

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?**

**Who can teach the One
Who knows all things?
Who can fathom
All His wondrous deeds?**

Chorus 1

**Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.**

Verse 3

**Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!**

Chorus 1

**Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!**

Bridge

You will reign forever

(Let Your glory fill the earth)

Chorus 1

Behold our God seated on His throne,

Come let us adore Him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare,

Come let us adore Him.

Behold our God seated on His throne,

Come let us adore Him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare,

Come let us adore Him.

Verse 1

**I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree**

Verse 2

**His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone**

Chorus

**O praise the name
Of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more**

**For endless days
We will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

Verse 3

**Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of Heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar For Christ the King**

Chorus

**O praise the name
Of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more**

**For endless days
We will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

Verse 4

**He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night**

**And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face**

Chorus

**O praise the name
Of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more**

**For endless days
We will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

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**O Lord,
Oh Lord our God**