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April 25, 2021

MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You



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
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- Wednesdays: MidWeek Study - 6:30pm Wednesdays - at church
- Work Day - Sat, May 8th - 8am-12pm
- Member Meeting - Sun, May 23rd, 6pm
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, June 13th, 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

April 25, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 6:16-18. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me: “Say to all the people of the land and the priests, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted? And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves?’”

(Zechariah 7:4-6 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What are your feelings on fasting? Does it seem weird? Why?
- Have you ever fasted? What have been your experiences?
- Look at Matthew 9:14-17 - what is Jesus saying here about his disciples and fasting?
- How is fasting related to self-indulgence? [Hint: See Luke 9:23]
- How is it related to food in our culture today?
- What things going on in your life could benefit from focused prayer in fasting? [Ex. What needs, grief, guidance, growth?]
- How will you put into obedience what Jesus calls us to in His Word?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 6:19-24

sermon notes

April 25, 2021

MATTHEW 6:16-18

How to Fast

1. What is fasting? [6:16; 9:15; Luke 9:23; Zechariah 7:4-7]

Fasting still matters.

2. Why fast? [6:17]

Fasting focuses prayer.

3. Rewards [6:18; Psalm 69:10]

Big Idea: Fasting fosters maturity.

Verse 1

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

Because He Lives

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

**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 Unmeasured

**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

**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

**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 1

**Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You (we live for You)**

Verse 2

**Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You, oh we live for You**

Chorus

**Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You,
open up my eyes in wonder**

**Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
To those around me**

Verse 1

**Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You (we live for You)**

Chorus

**Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You,
open up my eyes in wonder**

**Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
To those around me**

Bridge

And I will build my life upon Your love

It is a firm foundation

And I will put my trust in You alone

And I will not be shaken

I will build my life upon Your love

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Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You

There is none beside You,

open up my eyes in wonder and

Show me who You are

And fill me with Your heart

And lead me in Your love to those around me

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VERSE 1

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him! Alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia**

Verse 2

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

VERSE 4

**He shall return in Pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on Bended knee?**

**All Creatures of our God and King
O Praise Him, O Praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!**