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May 16, 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 22nd, 8am-12pm
- Member Meeting - Sun, May 23rd, 6pm
- Outside Service - Sun, June 6th 9:30am [weather permitting!]
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, June 13th, 6pm
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

finances

General Offering - April 2021	\$23,203.69
Designated Gifts - April 2021	\$550.20
YTD General Offering thru April 2021	\$89,101.70
2021 Budget	\$314,511.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands, our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. Additionally, you can give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

May 16, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 7:1-12. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

(Matthew 22:34-40 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When we think about judging someone else, why is that a negative connotation? What experiences have you had in being judged?
- How can judging someone be positive, especially as Christians?
- How does Matthew 18:15-20 relate to church membership and judging?
- What role does persistence play in prayer in v7-8?
- Think about the “Golden Rule” in v12 - how does the gospel enable us put this into action?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 7:13-23

SING

Come Praise and Glorify | Great Are You Lord |
He Will Hold Me Fast | Prepared a Place for Me |
O Fount of Love

sermon notes

May 16, 2021

MATTHEW 7:1-12

Judgements, Prayer, and the Golden Rule

1. Sawdust and 2x4's [7:1-6; John 7:24; Luke 6:37-45]

We judge out of concern, not contempt.

2. Rocks and Snakes [7:7-11; Luke 11:9-13]

God always deals fairly with those who come to him.

3. Golden Rule [7:12; 22:34-40]

Big Idea: Treat others how God treats us.

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**

Come Praise and Glorify

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

**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**

Verse 1

Chorus 1

Bridge

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

**Mystery of mysteries
That God would make for me
A place within His family
Though once His enemy
The Judge of every sinner
Sent Christ to Calvary
To prepare a place for me**

Chorus 1

**Blessed be blessed be
My God and Savior
You've shown me favor
You prepared a place for me**

Verse 2

**Judgment should be given
For this guilt upon my head
But the Father of all glory
Crushed His Son instead
Now I've been adopted
For God made this to be
You prepared a place for me**

Chorus 1

Verse 3

**Father in the moment
When Your Son
Shall split the skies
And myriads of angels
Acclaim Him with their cries
By grace I will be able
To join the jubilee
You prepared a place for me**

Chorus 1

Verse 1

**O fount of love divine that flows
From my Savior's bleeding side
Where sinners trade their filthy rags
For His righteousness applied**

**Mercy cleansing ev'ry stain
Now rushing o'er us like a flood
There the wretch and vilest ones
Stand adopted through His blood**

Verse 2

**O mount of grace to Thee we cling
From the law hath set us free
Once and for all on Calv'ry's hill
Love and justice shall agree**

**Praise the Lord the price is paid
The curse defeated by the Lamb
We who once were slaves by birth
Sons and daughters now we stand**

Verse 3

**O well of joy is mine to drink
For my Lord has conquered death
Victorious forevermore
The ancient foe is laid to rest**

**Hallelujah Christ is King
Alive and reigning on the throne
Our tongues employed with hymns of praise
Glory be to God alone**

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