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May 23, 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)

coming up

- **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 [last week is 5/26]
- **Member Meeting - T O N I G H T - 6pm**
- Outside Service - Sun, June 6th, 9:30am [weather permitting!]
- Prayer Meeting - Sun, June 6th, 6:00pm
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, June 13th, 6pm
- Pastor Mike's Sabbatical - June 28th - Aug 9th
- 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 23, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 7:13-23. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification...”

(1 Thessalonians 4:1-3 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What does it mean to “take the narrow road?”
- How would you answer someone who said that they could never believe Christianity because it is “too exclusive?”
- What do other New Testament passages say about false prophets? What about the Old Testament?
- How can you spot a false teacher?
- Where do you need to grow and change in holiness? [“...doing the will of the Father...”]
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 7:24-29

SING

10,000 Reasons [Bless the Lord] | All I Have is Christ |
Christ is Mine Forevermore | Behold Our God |
His Mercy is More

sermon notes

May 23, 2021

MATTHEW 7:13-23

Narrow Gates, False Prophets, and the Kingdom

1. Narrow and Wide [7:13-14; John 14:6; Galatians 5:17; 2 Timothy 3:12-13]

True disciples know the narrow way.

2. The Fruit of Wolves [7:15-20; Acts 20:28-30]

True disciples spot false teachers.

3. “Lord, Lord...” [7:21-23; Psalm 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a]

Big Idea: True disciples know the true will of God is holiness.

Chorus 1

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name**

Sing like never before

**O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 1

**The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again**

**Whatever may pass and
Whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes**

Chorus 1

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name**

Sing like never before

**O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 2

**You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind**

**For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find**

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 3

And on that day when

My strength is failing

The end draws near

And my time has come

Still my soul will sing

Your praise unending

Ten thousand years

And then forevermore

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

I will worship your Holy Name

I will worship your Holy Name

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

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**

**Christ is mine forevermore
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**

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

**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**

**Christ is mine forevermore
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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.**

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

**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**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**

**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**