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April 3, 2022

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. 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!**
- **Family Care Group - today after service - downstairs!**
- **Youth Group [6th-9th] - today at 4:30pm - downstairs**
- **Prayer Meeting - tonight 6pm in Loffice**
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays at 9am and 7pm in sanctuary
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Sussex Diner
- MidWeek Study - 6:30pm Wednesdays - Upstairs in Loffice
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 9th - 8am at Leuzarder's - sign up!
- Good Friday Service - April 15th - 6:30pm
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

finances



General Offering - Mar 2022	\$ 24,576.83
Nehemiah Fund	\$ 388,796.77
Benevolence - Mar 2022	\$ 356.95
YTD General Offering thru Mar 2022	\$ 71,699.02
2022 Budget	\$ 335,511.00

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

Have you considered giving to the Nehemiah Fund for the next chapter of Highlands? Please select the "Nehemiah Fund" option at online giving or write "Nehemiah Fund" in the check memo line. Questions? info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org or see Chris Deming.

worship guide

April 3, 2022

Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 20:1-16. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, at the Lord's Table, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”
(Romans 7:21–25 ESV)

Old Testament Reading for Today: Jeremiah 17:5-10

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why is the concept of what's “fair” so deeply engrained in us? Why is it hard when we see ourselves being treated “unfairly?”
- Do you see yourself as “desperate for salvation?” Why/why not?
- How do we balance a desperate dependence on God in our faith?
- What is hard to accept about God's sovereignty?
- What encouragement do we have from his grace?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Matthew 20:17-34

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sermon notes

April 3, 2022

MATTHEW 20:1-16

The First Last and the Last First: Explained

1. Day Laborers [20:1-7; Romans 7:21-25]

People desperate for salvation will respond to the Lord.

2. Disgruntled Staff [20:8-12; Isaiah 5:7; John 15:1-8]

Salvation isn't fair.

3. Vineyard Owner's Prerogative [20:13-16; Psalm 115:3; Ephesians 1:11; Romans 11:36; Ephesians 1:4]

God is sovereign over salvation.

Big Idea: Salvation is an act of God's sovereign grace.