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JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise

MARCH 29, 2020

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 encourage you to worship as a family, however we provide nursery care [infants - 2.5 yrs] if desired. Kids will be dismissed downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk by the coffee table for more info.

Explorers	Newborn - 2.5 yrs
Discoverers	2.5 yrs - 3 yrs
Adventurers	Pre-K [4yrs] and Kindergarten
Navigators	Grades 1-5

We are always looking for help in Kingdom Kids. See Alyssa Myhren today to find out how you can help!

weekly

- Need info? Trouble logging in? E-mail info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org
- Sundays 9:30am - Livestream Worship Service - Facebook live
- Mondays 7:00pm - ZOOM Small Group - email for info
- Tuesdays 7:00pm - Connect with Highlands - Question about Highlands? Questions about Christianity or the Bible? - Facebook live
- Wednesdays - ZOOM Bible Studies - Men 7:00am / Ladies 7:00pm - email for info
- Thursdays - Sunday Preview and Prayer with Pastor Mike - Instagram
- Fridays - Women's Ministry Minute with Melanie Ruel - Instagram
- STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ON ALL FUTURE MINISTRIES

finances

General Offering - Feb '20	\$20,607.76
Designated Gifts - Feb '20	\$591.00
YTD General Offering thru Feb '20	\$43,243.24
YTD Budget	\$322,562.00

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 in-to 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 for-ever
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

CHORUS

**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**

**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

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**

**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**

**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**

**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

**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**

Bridge

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

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

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

worship guide

March 29, 2020

Our passage today is from Joshua 8:30-35. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” [Romans 12:1-2 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- When you think of the word ‘covenant’ what comes to mind? What does it mean today? What covenants do we have?
- Think of the OT sacrificial system - what things can we learn from it? What things relate to Jesus and gospel? [Hint: see Hebrews 8:1-7; Chapter 10]
- In what ways have you had to sacrifice as a Christian? How do others around the world sacrifice for being Christians?
- Consider God’s Word - what role does it play in your life? In the church? Why do you read God’s Word? [see also 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Romans 12:1-2]
- What is the relationship of love and obedience? How do we balance that for consequences of disobedience?
- What is the new covenant we have in Jesus? [Matthew 26:26-29]. How are we included in it? [Romans 3:21-26]

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O Praise the Name [Anastasis]

sermon notes

March 29, 2020

JOSHUA 8:30-35

From Conquest to Covenant

1. **More Unfinished Business [8:30-31; Deut 27:1-8; Romans 12:1-2]**

Obedience to God’s Word requires sacrifice.

2. **Copy writing [8:32-33; John 5:39-40]**

God’s’ Word points to God.

3. **Covenant Blessings and Curses [8:34-25; Deut 29:9-26; John 14:15]**

Big Idea: God establishes His people through His covenant.