

# leadership

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March 7, 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]

## calendar

- See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- MidWeek Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- **Please return your Baby Bottles! Thank you!**
- Voice Of the Martyrs Virtual Event - Friday, March 5th 6:30pm
- Prayer Meeting - Sunday, March 7th 6pm
- Member Meeting - Sunday, March 21st 6pm
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, April 11th 6pm

## finances

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| General Offering - Feb 2021        | \$19,525.32  |
| Designated Gifts - Feb 2021        | \$892.14     |
| YTD General Offering thru Feb 2021 | \$42,224.00  |
| 2021 Budget                        | \$314,511.00 |

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# worship guide

March 7, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 5:31-32. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, communion, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

(Matthew 19:3-6 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is the prevailing attitude in culture regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage?
- Read Matthew 19:1-9 - what are the differences between how the Pharisees and Jesus value marriage?
- Why should divorce not be the first choice for Christians?
- How can we practically hold marriage more highly? [This question is for married and singles!]
- How can we come alongside and minister to those who have been negatively affected by divorce?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 5:33-37.

## SING

Everlasting God | Before the Throne of God Above |  
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | Because He Lives (Amen) |  
Christ Is Mine Forevermore

# sermon notes

March 7, 2021

## MATTHEW 5:31-32

*Law Exposition #3: Divorce and Remarriage*

1. Divorce [5:31; Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Matthew 19:3-12; Mark 10:1-9; Ephesians 5:25-27]

**Marriage is for life.**

2. Porneia. [5:32; 19:10]

**Divorce should never be the first choice.**

**Big Idea: True covenants transcend mere obligation.**

**Verse 1**

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
Wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord**

**Everlasting God**

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
Wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord**

**Pre-chorus**

**Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

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**Chorus 1**

**You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary**

**You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

**Verse 1**

**Pre-chorus**

**Chorus 1**



**Verse 1**

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

**Verse 2**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me**

**Verse 3**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The king of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by his blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and My God**

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My soul is purchased by his blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and My God**

**VERSE 1**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone**

**Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need**

**VERSE 2**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts**

**My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night**

**VERSE 3**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name**

**Verse 1**

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

**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**

**Amen, amen,  
I'm alive I'm alive  
Because He lives.**

**Amen amen  
Let my song  
join the one that never ends,**

**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**

**Amen amen**

**I'm alive I'm alive**

**Because He lives**

**Amen amen**

**Let my song**

**join the one that never ends**

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**Because He lives**



**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**

**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**

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