

# Worship Bulletin

Sunday, January 14, 2024



"The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" ~ Luke 10:2

# Welcome!

For God's glory and by His grace, Harvest Fellowship exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ who are progressively growing in their love of God, their love of people, and their commitment to help others grow as disciples.

*If you are visiting us today, we would like to connect with you! Please scan the QR code in the insert or complete the yellow 'Welcome' card and place it in the offering plate by the sanctuary entrance.*

## God Calls Us

### ***Call To Worship – Zephaniah 3:14-17***

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

### ***Prayer of Invocation***

#### ***My Jesus, I Love Thee***

William R. Featherstone, 1864

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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## **In My Heart**

*Words and Music by Eric Glover*

In my heart there is a stirring,  
One that did not start with me;  
A love to worship my Creator,  
To show His love for all to see.

**I will worship, I will honor,  
I will exalt the Lord above;  
All my days I'll sing the praises  
Of His great redeeming love.**

In my heart there is a treason,  
One that poisons all my love.  
Take my heart and consecrate it,  
Wash it in Your cleansing flood.

Tie me to the rock unchanging,  
Tie me to His wondrous cross.  
I'll fix my eyes upon the Savior,  
All other things I count as loss.

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## **God Renews Us**

### ***Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-16 (p. 917)***

<sup>1</sup> But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil

he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

## ***King of Kings***

Words & music by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram and Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope, without light  
'Til from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

**Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings**

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake you died

And the morning that You rose  
All of Heaven held its breath  
'Til that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

**God Speaks To Us**

***“The Truth of the Gospel”***

***Galatians 1:10-24 (p. 972)***

***Barry Noll***

<sup>10</sup> For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. <sup>11</sup> For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. <sup>12</sup> For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, <sup>16</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

<sup>18</sup> Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup> (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) <sup>21</sup> Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup> And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup> They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.

***Jesus, Son of God***

Word & music by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher

You came down, from heaven's throne  
This earth You formed, was not Your home  
A love like this, the world had never known

A crown of thorns, to mock Your name  
Forgiveness fell upon Your face  
A love like this, the world had never known

**On the altar of our praise**

**Let there be no higher name**

**Jesus, Son of God**

**You laid down your perfect life,**

**You are the sacrifice**

**Jesus, Son of God. You are Jesus, Son of God**

You took our sin, You bore our shame  
You rose to life, You defeated the grave  
And a love like this, the world has never known

*Be lifted higher, than all You've overcome  
Your name be louder, than any other song  
There is no power, that can come against Your love  
The cross was enough, the cross was enough.*

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## God Sends Us

### ***Worship through Tithes & Offerings***

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" ~ 2 Corinthians 8:9*

General offering: metal plate; Mercy Ministry (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday): wooden plate  
You may also give online at <https://www.hfpca.org/giving> or mail your offering to Harvest Fellowship, P.O. Box 475, Lusby, MD 20657

### ***Jesus! What A Friend For Sinners!***

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910; Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

**Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Hallelujah, what a Friend!**

**Saving, helping, keeping, loving,**

**He is with me to the end.**

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows o'er me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking,

He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper!

While the tempest still is high,

Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,

He, my pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find,  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

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### ***Benediction***

### ***Passing of peace/Announcements***

**Leader:** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

### ***Prayer is available in the Prayer Room***

## ***Sermon Notes***

### ***For Further Discussion:***

1. How do you respond to the argument that no one religion has exclusive claim to the truth? What biblical argument(s) can you give to support the claim that the gospel of Jesus Christ is only true way salvation?
2. Why does Paul need to defend himself and the gospel (vs. 10)? How does Paul's need to defend himself and the gospel compare with your need to defend yourself to your spouse, a friend, or a coworker?
3. What does Paul claim about the origin of his gospel (vv. 11-12; Acts 9:3-6; 22:6-10; 26:12-18)? How does this particular claim highlight a major difference between the gospel and all other religious truth claims?
4. How does Paul's conversion story highlight the truth of the gospel (vv. 13-14, 23-24; Phil. 3:4-6; Acts 8:1; 9:1-3; 22:6-10; 26:12-18)? In what ways does your own conversion story testify to the truth of the gospel to those around you?
5. Why did Christ save Paul (vs. 16b; Acts 9:15; Gal. 2:9)? Where do you see that same purpose and calling in your life today (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom. 10:14-17)?