

Worship Bulletin

Sunday, January 21, 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 – Psalm 27:1,4-5,11a

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path.

Prayer of Invocation

Welcome To The Place Of Level Ground

Words and music by Brian Doerksen & Paul Baloche

Welcome to the place of level ground
Welcome to the place where grace abounds
We all need mercy, we all need mercy

Welcome to the place where none can boast
Welcome to the place compassion flows
We all need mercy, we all need mercy

None of us are worthy on our own
None of us could keep the perfect law
None of us have lived a sinless life
But thanks be to God, He sent us all a Savior

*Jesus Christ The only God of grace
Favor and forgiveness flowing down
Jesus Christ Once for all you gave
Saving us forever through your blood
You are the only God of grace*

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Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish Poem

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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God Renews Us

Scripture Reading: John 17:1-23 (p. 903)

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of

destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Composer Unknown

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me. (*repeat*)

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord;
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me,
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

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Prayers of the People

God Speaks To Us

“Gospel Unity” Galatians 2:1-10 (p. 972) Barry Noll

¹ Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ² I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴ Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—⁵ to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶ And from those who seemed

to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me.⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised⁸ (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles),⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

God Strengthens Us

Confession of Sin

O God, your will is that all your children should be one in Christ. We pray for the unity of your church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from our narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offense to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all who call upon you and confess faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Harvest Fellowship welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation to partake in the Lord's Supper with us.

(The pink cups in the outer ring of the communion tray contained wine. The rest is grape juice)

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 (2nd 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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Music and words by Josh Moore and Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the LORD our God

We are not consumed, by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn

My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom.

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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. In what ways does disunity in the church undermine our Christian witness to the world? How do you respond to the claim that disunity in the church disproves Christianity?
2. How is Paul's appearance before the other apostles in Jerusalem a response to the accusation that the false teachers made about his gospel (vv. 1-2)? What proof does the apostles treatment of Titus give to the truth of Paul's gospel (vs. 3)?
3. In what ways did the false brothers try to enslave the church (vv. 4-5)? How do similar forms of slavery appear in the church today?
4. What does the apostle's endorsement of Paul's ministry to the Gentiles say about who is welcome in the gospel (vv. 8-9)? How do we corporately and individually extend the welcome of the gospel at Harvest to those who come from different cultural, racial, socio-economic, or belief system than our own?
5. Why do you think the pillars of the church asked Paul, Barnabas, and Titus to remember the poor (vs. 10)? How does generosity of the church in general and care for the poor in particular adorn the gospel before a watching world?