

Worship Bulletin

Sunday , January 7, 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 – Colossians 1:19-23a

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard.

Prayer of Invocation

Jesus Messiah

by Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become His Righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn

All our hope is in You

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All the glory to You, God

The light of the world

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I Stand Amazed

Words & Music by Charles H. Gabriel

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And I wonder how He could love me,
A sinner condemned, unclean.

**How marvelous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be.
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me.**

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages,
To sing of His love for me.

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God Renews Us

Scripture Reading: Psalm 103:1-22 (p. 502)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. ¹⁹ The Lord has established his

throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! ²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! ²² Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Before The Throne Of God Above

Words & music by Charitie Bancroft & Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a 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.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to 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.

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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Prayers of the People

God Speaks To Us

“No other Gospel”
Galatians 1:1-9 (p. 972)
Barry Noll

¹ Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— ² and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

God Strengthens Us

Confession of Faith: New City Catechism #29

Leader: *How can we be saved?*

All: Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

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.hfpc.org/giving> or mail your offering to Harvest Fellowship, P.O. Box 475, Lusby, MD 20657

Living Hope

Words & music by Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

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 into 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

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of angels stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,
The Kings of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,
Jesus Christ, my living hope

**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**

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, whoa!

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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. When have you ever received an offer that is too good to be true? Why does the gospel of Jesus Christ seem too good to be true for you and others?
2. Why is it important for Paul to establish his apostleship at the outset of his letter to the Galatians (vs. 1)? How does his apostolic authority highlight the uniqueness of the gospel from the truth claims of other religions?
3. What is Paul's definition of the gospel (vv. 3-4)? How do you discern the gospel of Jesus Christ from false gospels?
4. Why is Paul so concerned about the Galatians turning so quickly to another "gospel" (vv. 6-7)? How and when are you tempted to believe in false gospel(s)?
5. Why does Paul pronounce a curse or judgement on those who proclaim or receive different gospel (vv. 8-9)? How does believing in the good news of Jesus rather than in a false gospel make a difference in your daily life?