

# Worship Bulletin

Sunday, March 3, 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 26: 8,12***

O Lord, we love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. Our feet stand on level ground; in the great assembly we will bless the Lord.

### ***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: Isaiah 54:1-8 (p. 614)***

<sup>1</sup> "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. <sup>3</sup> For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

<sup>4</sup> "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. <sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. <sup>7</sup> For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. <sup>8</sup> In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

## ***Kindness***

Words and music by Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio, and Jesse Reeves

Open up the skies of mercy  
And rain down the cleansing flood.  
Healing waters rise around us  
And hear our cries, Lord, let 'em rise.

**And it's Your kindness, Lord,  
That leads us to repentance;  
Your favor, Lord, is our desire.  
And it's Your beauty, Lord,  
That makes us stand in silence,  
And Your love, Your love is better than life.**

We can feel Your mercy falling;  
You are turning our hearts back again.  
Hear our praises rise to heaven  
And draw us near, Lord; meet us here.

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## ***Prayers of the People***

### **God Speaks To Us**

***“Grace for the Barren”  
Galatians 4:21-31 (p. 974)  
Barry Noll***

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. <sup>23</sup> But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. <sup>24</sup> Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup> For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.”

<sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. <sup>30</sup> But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” <sup>31</sup> So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

## God Strengthens Us

### **Confession of Sin:**

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. 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 and Mercy Offering can also be made online at <https://www.hfpca.org/giving> or mail it to Harvest Fellowship, P.O. Box 475, Lusby, MD 20657.

### **Your Grace Is Enough**

words & music by Matt Maher add. lyrics by Chris Tomlin

Great is Your faithfulness oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

*So remember Your people, remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, Oh God*

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me**

Great is Your love and justice God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaching down to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I see Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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### ***Benediction***

### ***Announcements***

### ***Passing of the Peace***

**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 was the last time you felt completely and utterly helpless? How did you respond to that situation?

2. Why do you think Paul wrote the letter to the Galatians (vs. 21; 1:6; 2:14; 3:3; 4:9; 5:1, 6:11-12)? How is Paul's concern for the Galatians relevant throughout church history and in particular in the Protestant Reformation and the church today?

3. What is the difference between the son born to Hagar and the son born to Sarah (vv. 22-26; cf. Gen. 16)? How is the comparison between son born according to the flesh and the one born of through the promise an allegory for our salvation and Christian walk (vs. 24)?

4. What is the relationship between barrenness and grace (vv. 27-28; Isa. 54:1; Gen. 11:30; 25:21; 29:31; 1 Sam. 1; Lk. 1:7, 34)? Where in your life has God made his grace sufficient in your weakness and barrenness (2 Cor. 12:9)?

5. How is Ishmael's persecution of Isaac a paradigm for the way that heirs of the promise are treated by unbelievers (vs. 29; Gen. 21:9-10; Gen. 16:4; 2 Cor. 6:8-10; Gal. 6:17)? What exactly do children of free woman inherit (vv. 26, 30-31; 3:29; 4:6-7; Heb.12:22; Rev.3:12; 21:2)?