

# Worship Bulletin

# Sunday, December 29, 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 63:1-4

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

- Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
- All: So, I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

## Prayer of Invocation

#### **Special Music**

#### Light of the Stable

Words and music by Steve and Elizabeth Rhymer

Hail, hail to the newborn King Let our voices sing Him our praises Hail, hail to the guiding Light That brought us tonight to our Savior

Halle, hallelujah Halle, hallelujah Halle, hallelujah Halle, hallelujah

Come now, let it shine so bright To the knowing Light of the stable Kneel close to the Child so dear Cast aside your fear and be thankful

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## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:6-11 (p.615)

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.<sup>10</sup> "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

#### **Offering – Christmas Version**

Words and music by Paul Baloche

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star While angels sang to lowly shepherds. Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar, Hoping to find the Child from Heaven; Falling on their knees, They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

#### I bring an offering of worship to my King; No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing; Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due; O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love; There is no shadow in Your presence; No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, Before the Holy One of Heaven; It's only by Your blood, And it's only through Your mercy, Lord I come.

#### Prayers of the People

# God Speaks To Us

#### "Jesus: The Better Portion" Luke 10: 38-42 (p.869) Steve Hollidge

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup> but one thing is necessary Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

#### Manger Throne (Glory Be to You Alone)

Words & music by Phil Wickham

You could have stepped into creation with fire for all to see Brought every tribe and nation to their knees Arriving with the host of Heaven in royal robe and crown The rulers of the earth all bowing down But You chose meekness over majesty Wrapped Your power in humanity

#### Glory be to You alone King who reigns from a manger throne My life, my praise, everything I own To Jesus the King on a manger throne

You could have marched in all Your glory into the heart of Rome Showed them splendor like they'd never known But You wrote a better story in humble Bethlehem Creator in the arms of common men You will die for our redemption And You'll rise so we could live

From Heaven to the cradle, from cradle to the cross Let Heaven and nature sing: This is our King But the grave couldn't hold Him, our God has overcome Let Heaven and nature sing: this is our King All hail the King, All hail the King, All hail the King

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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 and Mercy Offering can also be made online at <u>https://www.hfpca.org/giving</u> or mail it to Harvest Fellowship, P.O. Box 475, Lusby, MD 20657.

#### Hymn Of Heaven

Words and music by Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport, Phil Wickham

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets To look upon the one who bled to save me And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day When all will bow before Him There will be a day When death will be no more Standing face to face With He who died and rose again Holy, holy is the Lord

Every prayer we prayed in desperation The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear In the end we'll see that it was worth it When He returns to wipe away our tears

On that day we join the resurrection And stand beside the heroes of the faith With one voice a thousand generations Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain Forever He shall reign

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave Holy, holy is the Lord

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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