



## Worship Bulletin

Sunday, January 12, 2025

“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.

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## God Calls Us

### **Call To Worship—Psalm 100:1-5**

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**All:** **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

#### **You Alone Can Rescue**

Words and music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves,  
Their own soul could heal?  
Our shame was deeper than the sea  
Your grace is deeper still

**You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise**

**To You alone belongs the highest praise  
To You alone belongs the highest praise, You alone**

You, oh Lord, have made a way  
The great divide You heal  
For when our hearts were far away  
Your love went further still  
Yes, your love goes further still

*We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes. You're the Giver of Life*

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## ***And Can It Be That I Should Gain***

Words by C. Wesley, 1738; Music by T. Campbell, 1825

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death  
pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left His Father's throne above so free, so infinite His grace,  
Humbled Himself so great His love, and bled for all His chosen race.

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with  
light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed  
Thee.

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;

Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ  
my own.

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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## **God Renews Us**

### ***Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16 (p.722)***

<sup>11</sup> “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

## ***On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand***

Words and music by Samuel Stennett & Christopher Miner

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

**I am bound (I am bound)**  
**I am bound (I am bound)**  
**I am bound for promised land,**  
**I am bound (I am bound)**  
**I am bound (I am bound)**  
**I am bound for promised land.**

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?

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## ***Prayers of The People***

### **God Speaks To Us**

***"The Good Shepherd"***  
***John 10:1-21 (p.896)***  
***Barry Noll***

<sup>1</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of

the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.” <sup>19</sup>There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. <sup>20</sup>Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” <sup>21</sup>Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

### ***I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say***

Words & music by Horatio Bonar and Kevin Twit

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “come unto Me and rest.  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down, your head upon My breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him my resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live!”  
I came to Jesus and I drank, from that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto Me thy morn’ shall rise, and all thy days be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found, in Him my star, my sun,  
And in that light of life I’ll walk ‘til pilgrim days are done.

## 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.

### **.Rescuer**

Words & Music by Rend Collective, Bryan Fowler, and Benjamin Hastings

**He’s our Rescuer, (Hey!)**

**He’s our Rescuer (Hey!)**

**We are free from sin for evermore**

**Oh, how sweet the sound, (Hey!)**

**Oh, how grace abounds (Hey!)**

**We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer**

There is good news for the captive,  
Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter,  
The one religion failed  
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

He is beauty for the blind man,  
Riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary,  
Rest for those who strive  
Oh, the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life  
Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life

*So come and be chainless,  
Come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
There is redemption,  
For every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary*

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### **Benediction**

## ***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. How is Jesus' description of the sheepfold different from modern sheep pens (vv. 1- 3a)? What difference does this make in the way that sheep and the flock are cared for?
2. Why is it important that the Shepherd and the sheep know each other (vv. 3-5; Matt. 7:22-23)? How do you discern Jesus' voice from other voices that may attempt to shepherd you?
3. What are some of the ways in which the religious leaders in the first century are identical to the bad shepherds in ancient Israel (vv. 8-10; Jer. 23:1-3; Ezek. 34:1-6; Jn. 9: 24-34)? How is Jesus radically different from bad shepherds (vv. 11, 14; Ps. 23; Ezek. 34:11-16; Heb. 13:20-21; Rev. 7:17)?
4. What models does Scripture give you for identifying biblical leadership (Ex. 18:1-27; Jn. 21: 15-17; 1 Pt. 5:1-4)? How do these examples give you hope in trusting God ordained under shepherds?
5. How is Jesus' laying down his life for the sheep a voluntary sacrifice (vv. 17-18; Matt. 26:52-54; 2 Kgs. 6:17)? What difference does it make in your life knowing he lovingly and willingly did that for you (Jn. 3:16)?