

Worship Bulletin

Sunday, May 12, 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 – Proverb 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Prayer of Invocation

Your Name

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Glenn Packiam

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

**Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name**

Jesus, in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord, give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

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Salvation Belongs To Our God

Words and music by Adrian Turner, Pat Howard

Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits upon the throne; and unto the Lamb:

**“Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength,
be to our God forever and ever,**

**be to our God forever and ever,
be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”**

And we, the redeemed, shall be strong
in purpose and unity declaring aloud:

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God Renews Us

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:8-13 (p. 571)

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” ⁹ And he said, “Go, and say to this people: “Keep on hearing,^l but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ ¹⁰ Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” ¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, ¹² and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³ And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

Speak O Lord

Words & music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us,
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time

That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Introduction of new members & baptisms

Prayers of the People

God Speaks To Us

“The Parable of the Sower”

Matthew 13:1-9 (p. 818)

Barry Noll

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

Blessed Be Your Name

Words & music by Matt and Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name,
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.
And blessed be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out

I'll turn back to praise

And when the darkness closes in,

Lord, still I will say:

“Blessed be the name of the Lord,

**Blessed be Your name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name!"**

Blessed be Your name,
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be,"
Blessed be Your name.

And blessed be Your name,
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

***You give and take away,
You give and take away –
My heart will choose to say,
Lord blessed be Your name!***

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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 <https://www.hfpca.org/giving> or mail it to Harvest Fellowship, P.O. Box 475, Lusby, MD 20657.

Carry Your Love

Words & music by Aaron Senseman

We are called out; we are ransomed;
We are not of the world we're in
We are chosen; we are blessed,
To bring light to the lives of men
So Father sow Your seed,
Give us life in community
Wake us from our sleep,
This is Your time; this is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking

**Under Your grace,
We are led by Your Spirit
You have redeemed us
By the blood of Your Son
Send down Your Word;
We are eager to hear it
Ready our hearts to carry Your love**

You are sunlight; You are morning,
You're the hope of a brand new day
You are comfort; You are blessing,
And You wipe all our tears away
So change us from within,
render miracles from our sin
Remind us once again,
this is Your time; this is Your place
We are vessels for breaking

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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 Discussions

1. Why did Jesus speak in parables (vs. 10-17; Isa. 6:9-10)? How is the Parable of the Sower foundational for understanding all other parables (Mar. 4:13)?
2. What is the seed that is being sown among the soil of people's hearts (vv. 4-5, 7-8, 19; Isa. 55:10-11)? How does cynicism or religiosity cultivate a hard heart toward Christ today (vv. 4; 19)?
3. How does the seed sown among the rocky ground demonstrate belief without conviction (vv. 5-6, 20-21)? Why do we tempt to believe that faith in Christ makes us immune to suffering?
4. How does western culture foster a belief that is choked by the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches (vv. 7, 22; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)? In what ways do you see your faith being choked by daily concerns of life, wealth, and the pursuit of pleasure (Matt. 6:19-34)?
5. How do you have an open heart to receive the gospel (vv. 8, 22; 11-12, 16-17; Ezek. 36:25-27; Lk. 18:26-27)? Where do you see the gospel bearing fruit in your marriage, family, relationships, and work?