



## Worship Bulletin

Sunday, May 17, 2026

“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.

## God Calls Us

### ***Call To Worship — Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8***

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore

### ***Prayer of Invocation***

#### ***Forever***

Words and music by Jesse Reeves and Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,  
*(His love endures forever.)*

He is good, He is above all things,  
*(His love endures forever;)*

Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,  
*(His love endures forever.)*

For the life that has been reborn,  
*(His love endures forever;)*

Sing praise, sing praise.

**Forever, God is faithful,  
Forever, God is strong,  
Forever, God is with us,  
Forever, forever.**

From the rising to the setting sun,  
*(His love endures forever.)*

By the grace of God we will carry on,  
*(His love endures forever;)*

Sing praise, sing praise.

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## **Amazing Grace**

st 1-3 by John Newton, st 6 author unknown

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures,  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

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## **God Renews Us**

### ***Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24 (p. 973)***

<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.

<sup>17</sup> “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup> Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup> And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup> “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

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

***My Father's House*** (children ages 4 yrs to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be dismissed)

## God Speaks To Us

### ***“Gospel-Shaped Shepherding”***

***1 Timothy 3:1-7 (p. 992)***

***Barry Noll***

<sup>1</sup> The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

## God Strengthens Us

### ***Affirmation of Faith—New City Catechism #31***

**Leader:** What do we believe by true faith?

**All:** Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

### ***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 of the cups are grape juice. Bread is gluten-free)*

## 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*

Offerings (General, Mercy, and Legacy Initiative) can be made online or by mail to Harvest Fellowship, PO Box 475, Lusby, MD 20657.



### **All to Us**

*Words & music by Matt Redman, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves, Chris Tomlin*

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation  
You are faithful to the end  
We are waiting, on You, Jesus  
We believe You're all to us

**Let the glory of Your name**  
**Be the passion of the Church**  
**Let the righteousness of God**  
**Be a holy flame that burns**  
**Let the saving love of Christ**  
**Be the measure of our lives**  
**We believe You're all to us**

Only Son of God sent from Heaven  
Hope and mercy at the cross  
You are everything, You're the Promise  
Jesus, You are all to us

*You're all to us, You're all to us, You're all to us*

When this passing world is over  
We will see You face to face  
And forever we will worship  
Jesus, You are all to us

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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. What does the theme of shepherding throughout the Bible indicate about the need for shepherds for God's flock (Ex. 18:13-23; Ps. 23; Ezek. 34; Mic. 5:4; Jn. 10:1-18; Acts 11:30; 14:23; 20:17-38; 1 Pet. 5:1-2)? Why does Paul say the office of elder is a noble task (vs. 1: Heb. 13:17)?
2. What do each of the qualifications for an elder mean (vs. 2a Titus 1:5-7)? How are these also qualifications for all followers of Jesus?
3. What are the duties of the office of an elder that Paul identifies (vs. 2a; 5:17; Titus 1:8-9)? How is the office of elder a witness to the outside world (vs. 2a; 7a; Gen. 18:1-15; Heb. 13:2)?
4. What is the relationship between of an elder's managing his own household and his caring for the household of God (vv. 4-5)? How is the parable of the Good Samaritan a beautiful illustration for fathers and elders managing their household and the church (Luke 10:25-35)?
5. Why does Paul say recent converts are not good candidates for being an elder in the local church (vs. 6; 6:4-5; 2 Tim. 3:4)? How does Paul's sobering words inform the way you pray for your elders (vs. 7b)?