



Worship Bulletin

Sunday, May 18, 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.

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 103:1-2,17-18,22

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Prayer of Invocation

This Is Amazing Grace

Words and music by Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

**This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me**

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy*

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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.

**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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God Renews Us

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 7:11-28 (p. 1004-1005)

¹¹ Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? ¹² For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. ¹³ For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

¹⁵ This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, ¹⁶ who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. ¹⁷ For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'"

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Jesus! What A Friend For Sinners!

J. Wilbur chapman, 1910; Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

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God Speaks To Us

***“Covenant Faithfulness”
Malachi 2:10-16 (p. 801-802)
Barry Noll***

¹⁰ Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers? ¹¹ Judah has been faithless, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the Lord, which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. ¹² May the Lord cut off from the tents of Jacob any descendant of the man who does this, who brings an offering to the Lord of hosts!

¹³ And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. ¹⁴ But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ “For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.”

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 is grape juice. Bread is gluten-free)

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) can also be made online or mail to Harvest Fellowship, P.O. Box 475, Lusby, MD 20657.



God Sends Us

All Sufficient Merit

Words & Music by Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, and Shane Barnard

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

**It is done it is finished no more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient merit now my own
It is done it is finished no more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient merit now my own
Oh, His righteousness is mine**

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host
Dressed in my Lord Jesus a crimson Robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross

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. Why is Malachi disputing the intermarriage of foreign women by the people of Judah (vv.10-11; 1 Kgs.11:1-4; Ezra 9:1-2; Neh. 13:23)? How is this dispute with Judah instructive for Christians choosing a spouse today (1 Cor. 7:39; 2 Cor. 6:14-18)?
2. How did the people of Judah attempt to manipulate God to their favor (vv. 12-13; Ezek. 8:15; Isa. 15:2-3; cf. 1 Kgs. 18:26-30)? Where is the line between a passionate plea and attempting to manipulate the Lord in prayer?
3. Why does Malachi say that the Lord will not respond favorably to Judah (vs. 14)? How do you respond to someone who argues that marriage is just a piece of paper (Gen. 2:23-24; Hos. 2:18-22; Prov. 2:17; Ezek. 16:8, 59-60, 52; 1 Sam 18-20; Matt. 19:4-6)?
4. What seems to be reason unlawful divorce practice in Judah (vs.16; Deut. 24:1-3; Matt. 19:7-9)? How does this cavalier approach to marriage and divorce manifest itself in the church and the wider culture?
5. How do you “guard your spirit” in your marriage or singleness (vv.15-16)? What hope does the gospel give you when you are unfaithful to the Lord or in your marriage covenant (Hos. 2:14-23; 3:1-5; 2 Tim. 2:11-13)?