

# Worship Bulletin

Sunday, May 19, 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 121: 1-3, 5, 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. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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

#### ***All the World Awaits (Hosanna)***

Words & Music by Jason Ingram, Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher

All the world awaits, the promise of His birth  
Open up the gates, heaven come to earth  
A host of angels sing, our Savior here to dwell  
The King of every King Our Emmanuel

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Hosanna to our God**

Behold the Son of Man, here in a manger lay  
Worthy is the Lamb for He has come to save,  
To take away our sin He freely gave His life,  
Born that we may live and in Him never die

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Son of righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Glory to the newborn King

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## ***Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)***

Words by L Wilbur Chapman, music by Michael Bleeker & John Mark Hall

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as dark as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He  
Word became flesh and the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

**Living, He loved me**

**Dying, He saved me**

**Buried, He carried my sins far away**

**Rising, He justified freely forever**

**One day He's coming**

**Oh glorious day, oh glorious day**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered  
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
From rising again

*One day the trumpet will sound for His coming*

*One day the skies with His glories will shine*

*Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing*

*My Savior, Jesus, is mine*

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## **God Renews Us**

### ***Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:9-14 (p. 744, 745)***

<sup>9</sup> "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

<sup>11</sup> "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed

and given over to be burned with fire. <sup>12</sup> As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. <sup>13</sup> “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

### ***Blessed Assurance***

Words by Fanny Jane Crosby, Music by Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

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

## **God Speaks To Us**

***“The Unstoppable and Unfathomable Kingdom”<sup>1</sup>***  
***Matthew 13:24-33, 36-43 (p. 818, 819)***  
***Barry Noll***

<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then

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<sup>1</sup> Title from Jared C. Wilson, *The Story Telling God: Seeding the Glory of Jesus in His Parables*, (Wheaton IL, Crossway, 2014), 161.

the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

<sup>31</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup> It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

## God Strengthens Us

### *Confession of Sin Prayer*

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of your holy name. **Amen.**

### *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)*

## 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.

### **Build Your Kingdom Here**

Words & music by Rend Collective Experiment

Come set Your rule and reign, in our hearts again

Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope

Like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit come invade us now

*We are Your Church, we need Your power*

*In us*

We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize

To see the captive hearts released

The hurt; the sick; the poor at peace

We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

*We are Your church, we pray revive*

*This Earth*

**Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear**

**Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land**

**Set Your church on fire, win this nation back**

**Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here**

**We pray**

Unleash Your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far

No force of hell can stop, Your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this

Awake the kingdom seed in us

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

*We are Your church, we are the hope*

*On Earth*

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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***

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***Sermon Notes***

### ***For Further Discussions***

1. Why do you think that Jesus told parables about the growth of the kingdom of heaven? How might they encourage his early disciples and followers of Jesus today?
2. How does the ministry of Jesus and the apostles demonstrate that the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed (vv. 31-32; Isa. 6:13; 11:1-10; Isa. 53:2-3; 1 Cor. 1:17; 1 Cor. 2:1-5)? In what way is the growth of the mustard seed a picture of rest and the gathering of people from every tongue, tribe, and nation who find their rest in Jesus (vs. 32; Ezek. 17:22-23; Ezek. 31:1-14; Dan. 4:11-12; 21)?
3. What is the difference between the power of leaven and the growth of a mustard seed in terms of their relationship to the kingdom of heaven (vv.31-33; cf. Gen. 18:6; 1 Cor. 5:6-8; Gal.5:9)? How does taking these two parables together encourage you to persevere in building the kingdom of heaven when there may not be much visible spiritual fruit?
4. Why does Jesus refer to himself as the “Son of Man” (vv. 37, 41; Dan. 7:13-14)? What assurance does that designation imply about the reign and rule of Christ over the kingdom?
5. How does Jesus in the Parable of the Weeds distinguish between those who belong to the kingdom (vv. 38-38, 43; Isa. 45:24-25; Dan. 12:2-3) and those who belong to the evil one (vv. 38-42; 2 Thess. 2:1-12; Matt. 18:6; 2 Thess. 1:7-9)? What encouragement is Jesus providing the church by saying the master allowed both weeds and the wheat to grow together until the harvest (vv. 29-30,37-38; Isa. 30:18; Ezek. 18:23, 32; 33:11; 2 Pet. 3:9)?