



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

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

# 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 with us today, we would love to have a record of your attendance. Please fill in the 'Welcome' card and place it in the offering plate."

*"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

*John 11:25-26*

## Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Worship

### **Rise, A Church and Lift Your Voices**

#### **Christ The Lord Is Risen Today**

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739; *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," *Alleluia!*  
Sons of men and angels say; *Alleluia!*  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; *Alleluia!*  
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. *Alleluia!*

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Alleluia!*  
Christ has burst the gates of hell; *Alleluia!*  
Death in vain forbids His rise; *Alleluia!*  
Christ has opened paradise. *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King; *Alleluia!*  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*  
Once He died, our souls to save; *Alleluia!*  
Where thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*

Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia!*  
Foll'wing our exalted Head; *Alleluia!*  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; *Alleluia!*  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Alleluia!*

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## ***Christ Is Risen From The Dead***

Words and music by Matt Maher/Mia Fieldes

Let no one caught in sin remain, inside the lie of inward shame  
We fix our eyes upon the cross and run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us, freely You've bled for us

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave**

Beneath the weight of all our sin, you bowed to none but Heaven's will  
No scheme of Hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold You  
down

In strength You reign, forever let Your church proclaim

*O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?*

*O church, come stand in the light.*

*The glory of God has defeated the night.*

*Sing it, o death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?*

*O church, come stand in the light.*

*Our God is not dead, He's alive, He's alive!*

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## ***The Power of The Cross***

Words & Music By Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of  
sin.

Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker  
bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I  
am free.

Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live, won through Your selfless  
love.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross."**

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Prayer

## Reading of God's Word

### 1 Peter 1:3-9

## Preaching of the Word

*Children aged 4 yrs – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may now be dismissed for 'My Father's House'*

### **"A Living Hope"**

Pastor Rich Good

## Confession of Sin

*Adapted from "A Cry of Deliverance" in The Valley of Vision.*

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that as we rely upon Your grace and Christ's finished work, You save us entirely from sin. Help us to recognize that in Christ we are dead to sin and alive to righteousness. When sin tempts us, may we be deaf to its voice. Grant that we may walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life: the life of love, the life of faith, the life of hope. Grant that we may hate our sin--our selfishness, our envy, our pride, our apathy. Forgive and kill these vices, we pray, and have mercy on our unbelief--on our corrupt and wandering hearts.

Help us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to be always devoted, confident, obedient, resigned in our trust of You. Fill us with Your grace daily that we may be a blessing to all those around us.  
Amen

## The Lord's Supper

*Harvest Fellowship welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to for- sake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. Please note that we serve both wine and grape juice during Communion—the cups in the outer ring of the trays contain grape juice.*

## Collection of Tithes & Offerings

*"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside, as he may prosper." 1 Corinthians 16:2*

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Mathew 25:40*

## ***In Christ Alone***

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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## ***Hallelujah for the Cross***

Words and Music by Todd Wright

Up to the hill of Calvary, my Savior went courageously  
And there he bled and died for me

Hallelujah for the cross

And on that day the world was changed, a final, perfect lamb was slain

Let earth and heaven now proclaim

Hallelujah for the cross

**Hallelujah for the war He fought**

**Love has won, death has lost**

**Hallelujah for the souls He bought**

**Hallelujah for the cross**

What good I've done could never save, my debt too great for deeds to pay  
But God, my Savior, made a way

Hallelujah for the cross

A slave to sin, my life was bound

But all my chains fell to the ground when Jesus' blood came flowing down

Hallelujah for the cross

And when I breathe my final breath, I'll have no need to fear that rest

This hope will guide me into death

Hallelujah for the cross

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## Sermon Texts

### **Our Scripture reading this morning comes from 1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.