

Harvest

FELLOWSHIP

Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

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

Sunday, November 19, 2017

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.*

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9

Prelude

Call to Worship

Taken from Isaiah 25:9

Leader: It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

People: *This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*

Behold Our God

by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God

Seated on His throne

Come, let us adore Him

Behold our King—

Nothing can compare

Come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

*You will reign forever
Let Your glory fill the earth*

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Prayer of Adoration

Uncreated One

Words and music by Chris Tomlin

Holy Uncreated One
your beauty fills the skies
But the glory of Your majesty
is the mercy in Your eyes.

And worthy Uncreated One
from heaven to earth come down
You laid aside Your royalty
to wear the sinner's crown.

**O Great God, be glorified
Our lives laid down, Yours magnified
O Great God, be lifted high
There is none like You**

Jesus, Savior, God's own son,
risen, reigning Lord
Sustainer of the Universe
by the power of Your word.

And when we see Your matchless face
in speechless awe we'll stand
And there we'll bow with grateful hearts
unto the Great I Am

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Music and words by Josh Moore and Sandra McCracken

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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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

Reading of God's Word

John 3:22-36

Preaching of the Word

Children aged 4 yrs – 3rd grade may now be dismissed for 'My Father's House'

"He Must Increase, but I Must Decrease"
Pastor Rich Good

Confession of Sin

O God of all grace; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Our Hope and our Strength:

We confess that we know little what it means to find in you our deepest satisfaction and sustenance, therefore we struggle to live according to your truth:

We don't want to die to ourselves to experience true life in you;

We don't want to acknowledge our weakness and neediness in order to experience your strength and grace;

We don't want to have to choose between living for ourselves and living for you;

We want to receive all the blessings of the gospel without it requiring anything from us;

Yet, we acknowledge that this is your way--the way to real peace, joy, and life. Strengthen our faith that we may declare: you must increase and we must decrease.

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. Please note that we serve both wine and grape juice during Communion—the cups in the outer ring of the trays contain grape juice.

Give You Glory

Words and Music by Peter Tyson

Open my eyes Lord and show me Your ways
Teach me Your precepts God and guard all my days
Direct my feet Lord that I would follow your lead
Never let me forget that in Christ I am set free

**For I was made to give You glory
For this Your Son came to die
He rose again so I am free to follow
And glorify You with my life**

Open my ears Lord that I would hear Your Word
Give me a passion for the ones who haven't heard
In all my actions, protect me from pride
Let me know that for my sins He lived, and He died

*May my life be a picture of all You can do
With a broken humble spirit, may I live for You*

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Benediction

SERMON TEXT

Our Scripture reading this morning comes from:
John 3:22-36 (ESV)

²² After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).

²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease."

³¹ He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. ³³ Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. ³⁴ For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.