



God's People as a Light to the Nations

Series: God's People as a Light to the Nations

Dare to Imagine

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:1

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.”- Colossians 3:13

“Because of the shocking reality of human impotence, the initiative rests with God. We wait in the dark silence to hear God speak and deliver his decision. We expect nothing from God's hand but wrath and eternal hatred. But we are surprised that instead God decides (in fact, decided from all eternity) to act in mercy and compassion by selecting a large number of people from every walk, every nation and tribe, every ethnic and racial background to form a new race, establishing the Son as the new head, the second Adam, of this kingdom.”
Michael Horton, “Putting Amazing Back into Grace”

order of worship

prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: and also with you

call to worship from Psalm 104:31-33

Leader:
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

song of praise

Your love O Lord
Your love O Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Stretches to the sky
Your righteousness
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows
Like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice
To worship You my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings

welcome & update

prayer for the world, the church & the city

confession

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek You in our daily lives. Our sins present us with a list of accusations, but we thank You that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from delighting in You. In Christ's name, Amen.

private confession

assurance of pardon: Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

song of assurance

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

(Singin') (Ev'rybody singin')
How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
(And) He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

tithes and offerings

doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

scripture reading : Isaiah 65: 1-3 & 17-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today Wes Wong

Sermon : Dare to Imagine

The Lord's Supper | congregation stands

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, evermore praising You and singing...

Sanctus

Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

words of institution and declaration of faith

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

song of thanksgiving

I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine (yeah)
I can only imagine

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

Benediction: Ephesians 3: 17-19

(May) Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you

Tithes up to July31 2020

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Budget Year to Date	\$207,082
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$152,352
Actual Giving Last Week	\$10,228

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Upward

'A worshipping people' - **Upward**

Worship: we come together corporately to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ

The Word: we submit ourselves to the Bible as our rule for faith and life

Generosity: having received from divine generosity, we overflow with generosity to the world



Inward

'transformed by the peace of God in Christ,' - **Inward**

Sacramental Life: our participation in the sacraments of bread and wine flow into our everyday lives

The Holy Spirit: living by the Spirit, we use His gifts to build the church and bless Vancouver

Prayerful Presence: we intercede for our homes, neighbourhoods and networks, for God to do His work



Outward

'seeking to be faithful stewards of the Kingdom.' - **Outward**

Covenantal Commitments: we covenant with one another to uphold, support and love one another.

Priestly Work: we see all of life as calling (as "vocation")

Proclamation: we proclaim the Cross of Christ as the accomplishment of God's Kingdom for the world