

Hope Chapel Greensboro – November 29, 2009

CALLED BY GOD

Welcome & Call to Worship

I have called you back from the ends of the earth,
from every dark corner saying, 'You are my servant.'
For I have chosen you and will not throw you away.
Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:9-10

Opening Songs

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

To You Alone

Lost and stranded, empty handed,
Broken down and all alone.
Your mercy it entered into darkness
And enfolded us in love.

We give You all we are for the glory of Your Name,
We give all we are for Your praise.

*Let the earth come to life in the light of heaven's glow,
And the streets sound with joy as the shackles lose their hold.
You laid down Your life for one and all,
So we give all we are to You alone.*

Just a glimmer of Your glory
And the earth falls to its knees.
You level the mountains with a whisper
And You calm the raging seas.

This means freedom for the captive
And good news for those in need.
Your message is justice and compassion
God of love and Prince of Peace.

With one voice we sing hallelujah,
All the earth cry out hallelujah,
With the angels sing hallelujah,
Jesus Christ is King.

God of My Life, to Thee I Call

God of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water floods prevail
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

*Poor though I am, despised, forgot
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And He is safe and must succeed for whom
The Lord is sure to plead.*

Friend of the friendless and the faint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door
Invites the helpless and the poor!

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;
But a prayer hearing, answering God
Supports me under every load.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
we confess that we are still held back by earthly cares,
and can't fix our minds and hearts on heaven.
Lord, help us believe that you can abundantly meet our needs
in this life and beyond.
Lift our minds above these temporary, perishing things,
and fix our hopes and wills on service to you,
continually growing in grace
until we become to full and complete in Christ.
We long to lay hold of the eternal kind of life you've promised to us
and made available to us by the blood of your Son.
May our lives reflect this longing in our hearts. Amen.

(adapted from a prayer by John Calvin)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Where is another God like you,
who pardons the guilt of your church,
You don't stay angry with your people forever,
because you take joy in showing us your unfailing love.

**Again and again you have compassion on us.
You trample our sins under your feet
and throw them into the depths of the ocean!
You show us your faithfulness and unfailing love
as you promised to our fathers Abraham and Jacob long ago.**

(from Micah 7)

CELEBRATING GOD

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing,
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures,
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in,
Now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be That thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing Love

*All of You is more than enough for all of me,
For every thirst and every need, You satisfy me with Your love
And all I have in You is more than enough.*

Children are dismissed at this time

Prayer of Renewal

Let us pray for the church...

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the city...

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world...

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

**Give ear to our prayers, O Father,
for the sake of your son Jesus,
our only mediator and advocate.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.' "

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon- Todd Jones
Conversations with Jesus // Zacchaeus

Declaration of a Gospel Community

Offering

SENT BY GOD

Sending Song

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us so we pray Your kingdom come...

*Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done,
So that everyone might know Your name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done; let Your kingdom come!*

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your gospel till our dying breath.

Community Life

Blessing and Sending

May the One who was bruised and beaten to make you Holy and whole keep you fit until His return.

Go now in the name of the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you.

All: And Also with you

Musicians

John Preston, drums

Charlie Swing, electric guitar

Michael Van Patter, acoustic guitar & vocals

Song Information

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All Hail the Power of Jesus Name—Edward Perronet, Oliver Holden (1779)

To You Alone—Joel Houston, Matt Crocker (2009)

God of My Life—William Cowper (1779), Benj Pocta, Clint Wells,
Brian Murphy (2006)

Mighty to Save—Ben Fieling, Reuben Morgan, 2006

And Can It Be—Charles Wesley (1738), Scott Roley (1994)

Amazing Love—Billy Foote (1996)

Let Your Kingdom Come—Bob Kauflin (2006)