

Hope Chapel Greensboro – September 5, 2010

CALLED BY GOD

Welcome & Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! It is good to sing praises to our God

All: For he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: The Lord builds up his people; he gathers them together out of exile.

All: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Leader: The Lord determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.

**All: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.**

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God with instruments and voices.

**All: For he delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

From Psalm 147

Songs of Praise

Hosanna

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day,
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesu.s*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

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.
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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.
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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.

CLEANSED BY GOD

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves.

Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt.
Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts.
Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains.
Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas.

Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—
Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and
not only for ours but also for[a] the sins of the whole world.

I John 2:1-2

CELEBRATING GOD

Beautiful One

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love;
Your cross is spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart can fully know
How glorious, how beautiful You are.

*Beautiful one I love, beautiful one I adore,
Beautiful one my soul must sing.*

Powerful, so powerful—Your glory fills the skies;
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.

The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing,
How marvelous, how wonderful You are.

You've opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You've captured my heart with this love,
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

*Oh the wonderful cross, Oh the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
Oh the wonderful cross, Oh the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Rescue

You are the source of life, I can't be left behind.
No one else will do, I will take hold of You.

*'Cause I need You Jesus to come to my rescue,
Where else can I go?
There's no other name by which I am saved,
Capture me with grace; I will follow You.*

I will follow You, this world has nothing for me,
I will follow You, this world has nothing for me.

Scripture Reading

¹³For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. ²⁰I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. ²¹Later I went to Syria and Cilicia. ²²I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they praised God because of me.

Galatians 1:13-24

Sermon- Todd Jones

Everybody Wants to Be Free | Free to Change

Offering

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me ,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

SENT BY GOD

Sending Song

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.

Community Life

Blessing & Sending

May the living God, who alone can give you life and peace,
draw near to you and stir your hearts, so that you may know
the richness and depth of this life of freedom in Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Leading in Worship Today

Todd Jones, lead pastor
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Patrick Collins, percussion
Terri Fredette, guitar & vocals

Song Information

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Hosanna—Paul Baloche (2005)
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name—Edward Perronet, Oliver Holden (1779)
God of My Life—William Cowper (1779),
Beautiful One—Tim Hughes (2002)
The Wonderful Cross—Issac Watts (1707), Lowell Mason (1824),
Chris Tomlin, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves (2000)
Rescue—Jared Anderson (2003)
Amazing Grace—John Newton (1790)
To You Alone—Joel Houston, Matt Crocker (2009)