

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
**MARK**



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**LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. LOVE ASHEVILLE.**

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# CITY CHURCH

ASHEVILLE

“We are from God, therefore we are accountable to him.”

– Hans Bayer

“Thou art coming to a King,  
Large petitions with thee bring.  
For his love and power are such  
None can ever ask too much”

– John Newton

“A man is more or less of a Christian only in proportion to the speed with which he advances towards infinite perfection, irrespective of the stage he may have reached at a given moment. Hence the stationary righteousness of the Pharisee is worth less than the progress of the repentant thief on the cross.”

– Leo Tolstoy

“Jesus’ questioner approaches him with the flattering words his culture expects. He speaks as one good man to another who assumes that one can find goodness in human resources and accomplishments. Like Paul before his conversion, this man has been blameless in keeping the commandments, and if being a basically good person were enough for eternal life, he would be fine.”

– Karen Lee-Thorpe

“The God who calls us to a radical new way of living meets us with radical empowering grace. Have courage. Be active. Your Savior really is your strength.”

– Paul Tripp

“Cast your deadly ‘doing’ down -  
Down at Jesus’ feet;  
Stand in him, in him alone,  
Gloriously complete.”

– James Proctor

“My faith rests not in what I am, or shall be, or feel, or know, but in what Christ is, in what he has done, and in what he is doing for me.”

– Charles Spurgeon

# WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Samuel 22:2-3, 32, 47, 50

**Minister:** The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; I call upon the LORD.

**All: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?**

**Minister:** This God is my strong refuge ... the LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation ...

**All: The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## HYMN OF ADORATION

### Come People of the Risen King

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1. Come, people of the Risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.
2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.
3. Come, young and old from every land -  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands -  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing -  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
"Our God is all in all"

#### Refrain:

Rejoice, Rejoice!  
Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

**Minister:** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All:**       **We believe.**

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### Jesus Cast a Look on Me

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Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Isaiah 57:15*

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.’”

## CONFESSION OF SIN\*

**Minister:** Gracious God, in a world of distractions which compete continuously for our attention, we confess how we have been bad stewards of our time, ignoring your Spirit within our midst.

**All:** **Father, forgive us.**

**Minister:** We confess the minutes, the hours, the days, when we have chosen to busy ourselves with the idols of our hearts, irreverently bowing down before them instead of before you.

**All:** **Forgive us.**

**Minister:** And in both our busyness and our boredom, we confess to you how we have struggled to accept the true rest which your gospel so freely and abundantly offers. We confess our sins of disbelief. In disbelieving your mercy, we have pushed you away; in disbelieving your goodness, we have striven in our own strength to make better lives for ourselves; in disbelieving your provision, we have sought idols to help us feel safe. We confess we have done these things knowingly and recklessly, and we have also done these things inadvertently and out of ignorance. But in whatever circumstance we have committed these sins, they have resulted in an elevated love of self and a descending love for you and our neighbor. Forgive us for our failure to live for your glory and the good of others.

**All:** **Have mercy on us!**

*(You're invited to take a moment of silent confession.)*

**Minister:** In your mercy, Father, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may be joyful servants, obeying the command of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** **And go on to subdue everything in us which is contrary to your purposes. By the power of your Spirit make us a community which shows forth your glory, kindness, generosity, and love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 6:6*

“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”

## HYMN OF PARDONING GRACE

### **Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

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Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.

## Mark 10:17-22

**17** And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” **18** And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. **19** You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” **20** And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” **21** And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” **22** Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### **May the Mind of Christ, My Savior**

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May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power.

May the peace of God, my Father,  
Rule my life in everything.  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me,  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing  
This is victory.

## BENEDICTION

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

## DISMISSAL & SENDING

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**