

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MARK



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LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. LOVE ASHEVILLE.

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ASHEVILLE

“Riches are a good handmaiden, but the worst mistress.”

– Francis Bacon

“If we command our wealth,
we shall be rich and free;
if our wealth commands us,
we are poor indeed.”

– Edmund Burke

“Jesus said that we could not serve both God and wealth, and it is obvious that Western society is organized in the service of wealth.”

– John B. Cobb

“Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. It is not your obligation to finish the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.”

– Rabbi Tarfon

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to his service, you could not give him anything that was not in a sense his own already.”

– C.S. Lewis

“Although God gives us ‘all things richly to enjoy,’ nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we’re responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.”

– Bill Peel

GATHERING HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Words: John Newton | Music: Franz Josef Haydn

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He, Whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
2. See the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love.
Well supplies Thy sons and daughters,
And all fears of want removes.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to quench?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.
3. Blessed inhabitants of Zion,
Washed in the Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, Whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God
'Tis His love His people raises,
Over self to reign as kings
And as priests His solemn praises
Each for a thank offering bring.
4. Savior, if of Zion's city,
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy Name
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 113

Minister: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

All: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Words: Charles Wesley 1779 | Music: Carl G. Glasser; Arr. By Lowell Mason

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace
2. My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name
3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

**All: 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.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Lord Is My Joy

Words/Music: Nathan Partain, 2008 from Jaywalker, track released 2015

The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,
When all that I have is lost, I find
The Lord is my joy.

The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength,
When I am too weak to go on, I find
The Lord is my strength.

My all in all is he, my healing King,
My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.

The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock,
When all I have faith in fails, I find
The Lord is my rock.

The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight,
Above all the joys of life, I find
The Lord is my delight.

My all in all is he, my breath, my song.
In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Our Father, you tell us to be in the world,
to love you and our neighbor,
to pursue justice,
to seek the welfare of our city,
to make disciples of all nations,
and to bear witness to your love and truth.

All: Forgive us for the times we have despised the world,

Minister: when we have coveted our neighbor's possessions,
when we have discriminated against people,
when we have looked on those in need with contempt,
and when we have withdrawn from those around us.

All: Forgive us for the times we have selfishly used the world,

Minister: when we have been ruled by selfish ambition,
when we have shown partiality and favoritism toward the rich for our gain,
when we have trampled the needy and poor to get what we want,
when we have not been good stewards of the world's resources,
and when we have had a posture of taking instead of giving.

All: Forgive us for the times we have blended into the world,

Minister: when we have not lived distinctly Christian lives,
when we have been apathetic to those in need,
when we have sinfully sought the approval of others,
when we have been ashamed of your name.
Forgive us and renew us.

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

Minister: O God, let your face shine upon us to give us pardon and freedom in Jesus Christ.

**All: Plow your grace deep into us until we become a garden of holiness and joy in you.
Help us to work together in the harvest of such things. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:24

“Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

HYMN OF PARDONING GRACE

Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears

Words: Isaac Watts, Music: Sandra McCracken | ©2001 Same Old Dress Music (ASCAP)

Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord,
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace
Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face
In every page.

This is the field where, hidden, lies
The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows
To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand.

Mark 10:23-31

23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” **24** And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” **26** And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” **27** Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” **28** Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” **29** Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, **30** who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. **31** But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, Lead Us with Thy Power

Words by William Williams (alt Morton) | Music by Lucas Morton ©2015 Lucas Morton Music (BMI)

Chorus:

Jesus, oh lead us, with Thy power,
Safe into the promised rest;
Hide our souls within Thy bosom;
Let us slumber on Thy breast

Feed us with the heavenly manna
Bread that angels eat above
Let us drink, from the holy fountain
Draughts of everlasting love.

Through the desert wild conduct us,
With a glorious pillar bright;
In the day a cooling comfort
And a cheering fire by night

Be our guide in every peril
Watch us hourly, night and day
Otherwise we'll err and wander
From the Spirit far away

In Thy presence we find comfort
In Thy presence we're secure
In Thy presence all afflictions
We will patiently endure

In thy presence we can conquer,
We can suffer, we can die.
Far from Thee, we faint and languish
Lord, our Savior, keep us nigh.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK STUDY :: AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER

Please join us for a coed book study on Latasha Morrison's *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation* led by Kristi James, Tracy Smith, and Scott Schindler. We hope this study will be a place where our City Church family can engage in Gospel-centered conversations on racial reconciliation in our lives and for our city.

When: 2nd & 4th Mondays, August-October

Where: Outdoors to allow for proper social distancing, location to be shared with sign-up

Due to COVID, we are requiring sign-ups ahead of participation so we can keep an eye on group size. We have copies of the book for purchase and will send those details to attendees. To sign up, please click [here](#). We look forward to engaging with you on this important topic! – Kristi, Tracy, and Scott

BREAKFAST WITH THE GUYS :: FRIDAYS, 7:30 AM

Outside with COVID related precautions in place. Please email John Hopple (john@citychurchavl.org) for details and directions.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING :: WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 AM

Join us Wednesday mornings for an informal prayer meeting via Zoom. Email John Hopple (john@citychurchavl.org) for details on how to join the meeting via Zoom.

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

From lost wages to lost jobs, the financial need of those within City Church is constantly evolving. In anticipation of increased financial need s created by this crisis, and with a desire to help carry the burdens of individuals and families within the church, we've created the "COVID-19 Relief Fund". As the hands and feet of the church body, we encourage you to give generously to the needs of others as you have opportunity! If you're interested in giving specifically to this fund, please text any dollar amount and the word **covid19** to **84321** (e.g. 100 covid19). Gifts will be distributed by the Session to meet the needs of those in distressed situations. Email John Hopple (john@citychurchavl.org) for more information and alternate ways to give to the fund.

Want to connect with City Church?

If you'd like to keep up with news, information, and events in the life of the church, please text the word **"visiting"** to **94000** and follow the prompts. We'll receive your basic contact information and keep you in the loop!

Need prayer?

We invite you to text your prayer requests to the elders and staff at **828.374.8883**. Unless otherwise specified by you, prayer requests will only be made known to the Session and staff of City Church.