

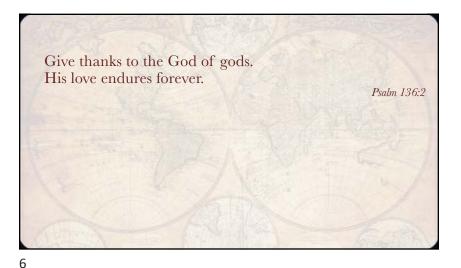
- Wear facemasks over nose and mouth all the time you are in the building (except under 2 years old, if medically necessary, and to drink water or take the Lord's Supper)
- 3. Stay home if not feeling well or you have been exposed
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GREETINGS

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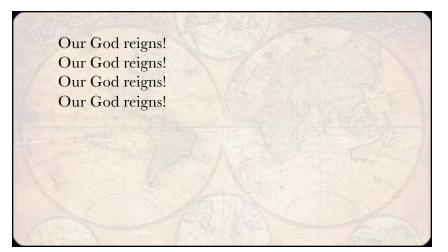
- You find it satisfying to keep schedules according to clock time
- You pretty much ignore the clock as much as you can
- You like to be on time for events (it is better to be a little early than a little late)
- You tend to be a bit 'late', and that is actually just fine with you
- You are thankful that God is always present with us, including in our worship service this morning



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Our God Reigns

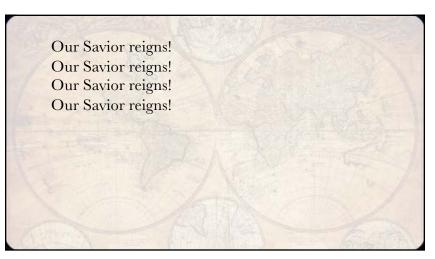
How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, good news; Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness: Our God reigns, our God reigns!



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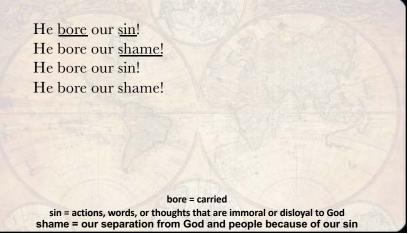
He had no <u>stately form</u>, He had no majesty; that we should be drawn to Him. He was despised and we <u>took no account</u> of Him. Yet now He reigns with the Most High.

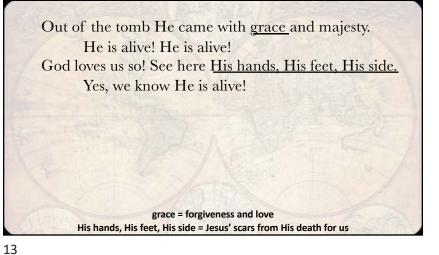
> stately form = impressive or royal appearance took no account = paid no attention

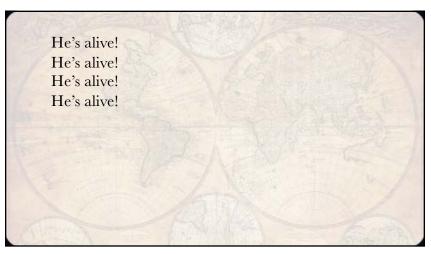


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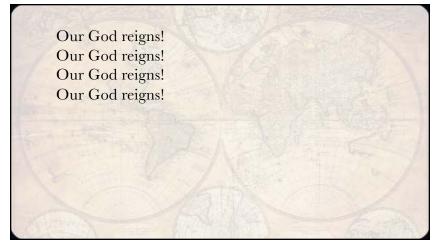
It was our <u>sin</u> and guilt that bruised and wounded Him. It was our sin that brought Him down. When we like sheep had gone astray, our Shepherd came; And on His shoulders <u>bore</u> our shame. in = immoral or disloyal actions, words, or thoughts bore = carried

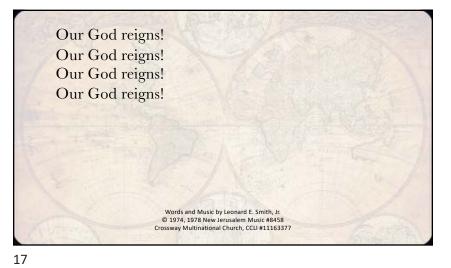


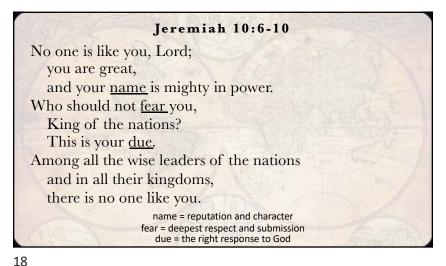




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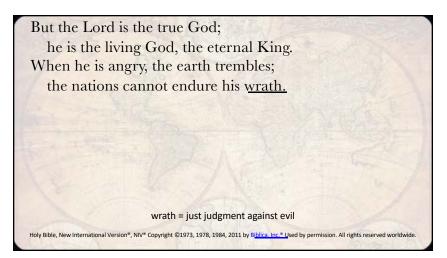






They are all senseless and foolish; they are taught by worthless wooden idols.
Hammered silver is brought from <u>Tarshish</u> and gold from <u>Uphaz</u>.
What the craftsman and goldsmith have made is then dressed in <u>blue and purple</u> all made by skilled workers.

> Tarshish, Uphaz = distant cities representing trade and wealth blue and purple = colors of wealth and royalty



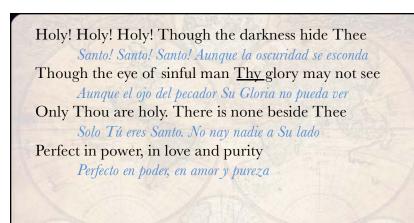
(Spanish) Holy! Holy! Holy! Holy! Holy! Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty! Santo! Santo! Señor Dios Omnipotente Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee Temprano en la mañana nuestra canción subirá a Ti Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and mighty! Santo! Santo! Santo! Misericordioso y Poderoso! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Dios en tres personas, Bendita Trinidad!

Thee = You (Old English)

Holy! Holy! Holy! All the <u>saints</u> adore Thee Santo! Santo! Santo! Todos los santos te adoran Casting down their golden crowns around the <u>glassy sea</u> Rinden sus coronas de oro alrededor del cristalino mar Cherubim and <u>seraphim</u> falling down before Thee Querubines y Serafines se postran ante Ti Who were and are and ever more shall be Quien era y es y será aún mas

> saints = God's people Casting down their golden crowns = Worshiping God glassy sea = a scene from heaven Cherubim and Seraphim = angels

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Thy = Your (Old English)



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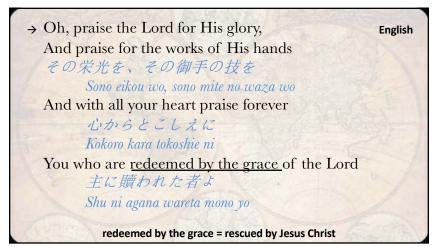




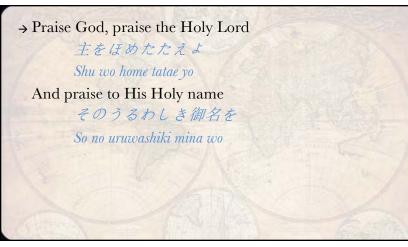




主をほめたたえよ → Shu wo home tatae yo *Praise God, praise the Holy Lord* そのうるわしき御名 So no uruwashiki mina *And praise to His Holy name*



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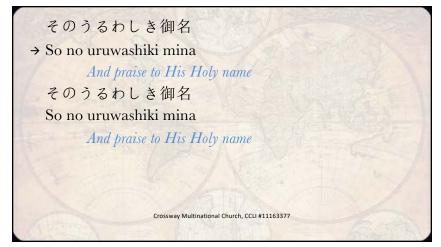




その栄光を、その御手の技を → Sono eikou wo, sono mite no waza wo Oh praise the Lord for His glory, and praise for the works of His hands 心からとこしえに Kokoro kara tokoshie ni And with all your heart praise forever 神の子とされた者よ Kami no ko to sareta mono yo You who are the children of our God





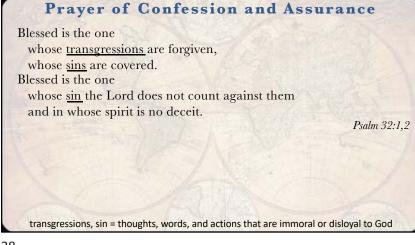


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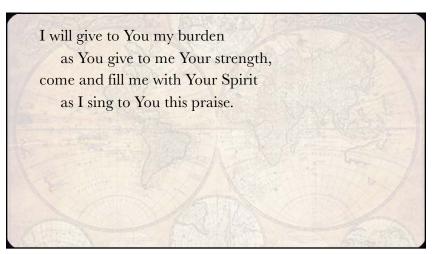


Prayer of Confession and Assurance When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Psalm 32:3-5b sapped = drained away, dried up sin, iniquity, transgressions = thoughts, words, and actions that are immoral or disloyal to God

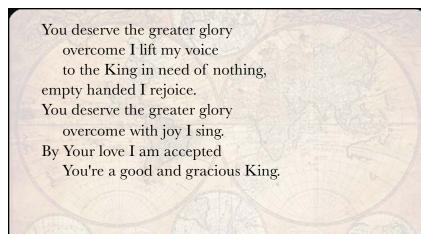
Prayer of Confession and Assurance And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart! Psalm 32:5b-11 40

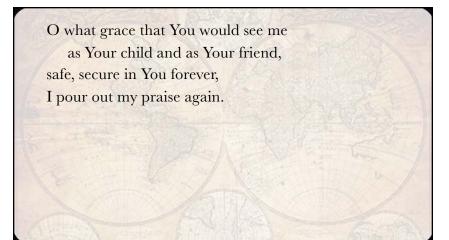
Good and Gracious King

I approach the throne of glory nothing in my hands I bring but the promise of acceptance, from a good and gracious King.

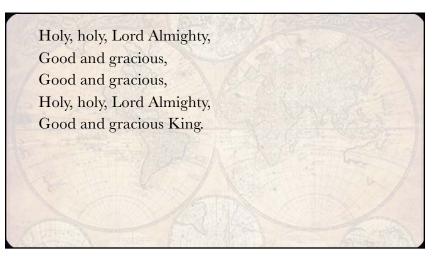


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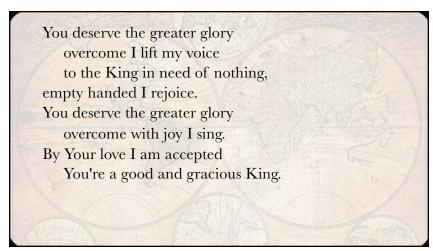


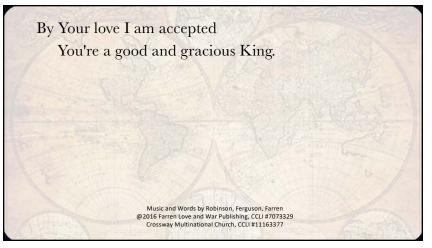


You deserve the greater glory overcome I lift my voice to the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice.
You deserve the greater glory overcome with joy I sing.
By Your love I am accepted You're a good and gracious King.



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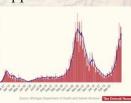
Prayer of Intercession

On March 21: We prayed for vocals and musicians Anh Tran: Vietnamese Anna Chang: Mandarin Naomi Eckford & Keiko Nakamura: Japanese Elijah & Michael Olabisi: Yoruba Amara Exeamama-Onye & Sarah & Ben Onye: Igbo Joanna MacGown & Laura Bell: Spanish Sri Simmons: Bahasa Geunyoung Kim (violin), Zheng Fei (percussion), Maggie Tilden (flute), Jean Eddy (cello), Laura Bell (piano), Pastor John (guitar)

Prayer of Intercession

[Jesus] told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." *Luke 10:2*

- We give thanks for the many workers
- We pray for willing workers and good opportunities COVID spread in Michigan
- K-12 and higher education
- We pray for medical workers, decisions makers, teacher, families, others



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Vicarious Experience

What does it mean to experience something vicariously?

When I imagine that I am doing something

but I am just watching someone else who is actually do it • Examples?

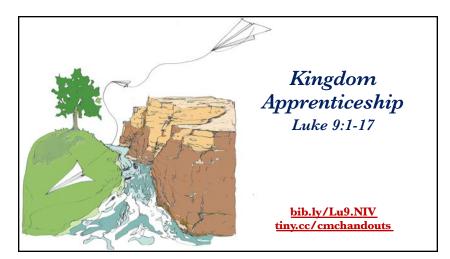
What can be good about vicarious experiences?

• I can safely take greater risks

• I can weep with those who weep, entering into their pain What can be bad about vicarious experiences?

- I don 't live life myself, and I don 't grow
- I just imagine life through people/books/movies/YouTube/...

Ask God for a (deeper) first person experience of the power of Jesus



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Geography of the Gospel of Luke

Galilee and Judea: around Jesus' birth 1:1-2:52

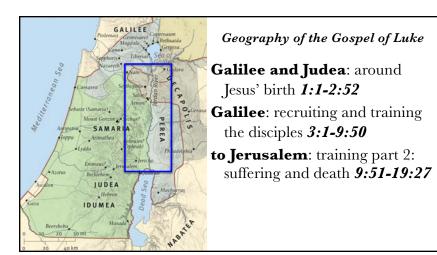


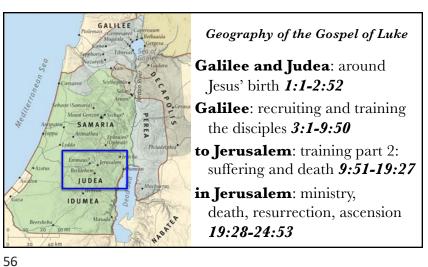
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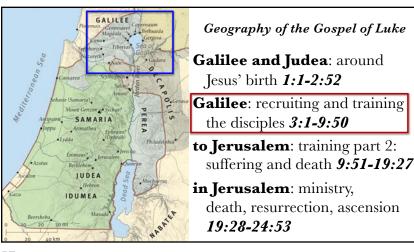


Geography of the Gospel of Luke

Galilee and Judea: around Jesus' birth 1:1-2:52Galilee: recruiting and training the disciples 3:1-9:50







Luke 9:1-17

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So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

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Now Herod the <u>tetrarch</u> heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life.

But Herod said, "I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?" And he tried to see him.

When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

tetrarch = Roman governor (1 of 4 in a province)

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Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

He replied, "You give them something to eat."

They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." (About five thousand men were there.)

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But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each."

The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

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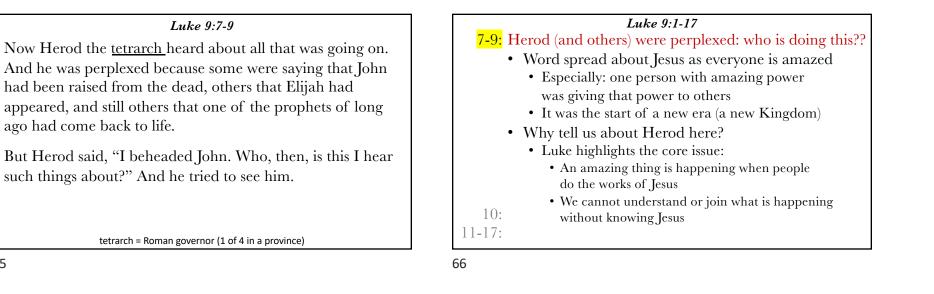
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1-6: The **<u>apostles</u>** brought the Kingdom of God near

- The 12 had seen and heard a lot!
 - Teaching: like "4 soils" and "love your enemies"
 - Miracles over nature: storm calmed
 - Healing: woman with bleeding, dead girl
 - Demons driven out: Legion & sins forgiven
- He gave **power** (healing) and **authority** (demons)
 - With special instructions (travel light, include people)
 - Sent to **proclaim** the Kingdom of God=Gospel
 - "God rules, and this is what it's like!"
- Sent to heal and cast out demons
- 11-17: What Jesus did, they now do

7-9:

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Luke 9:10

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Luke 9:1-17

- 10: Apostles returned and reported success to Jesus
 - Their first internship was a success!
 - Their needs were met
 - They had proclaimed and healed
 - Now it was time for another lesson...
 - Perhaps Jesus chose a deserted place to go

11-17:

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Luke 9:11-17

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Bethsaida's population: maybe 2,000

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11-17: Apostles had more to learn: Jesus showed the way

- Jesus did the same as He told the apostles to do
 - **Proclaimed** the Kingdom of God, and **healed**
 - In the desolate place (chosen by Jesus), the apostles suggested that people take care of their own needs
 - Jesus: "You feed them"
 - **Apostles**: "We can't do it"
 - **Jesus**: "Then you help me"
 - Gather what we have
 - Look to heaven (!): give thanks and bless it
 - Distribute what we have
 - Pick up the extras(!)

The Big Idea

The Kingdom of God comes by the power of God through the people of God as we obey Jesus

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The Kingdom of God	Includes head, hands & heart	
comes by the power of God through the people of God as we obey Jesus	 <u>Truth</u>: proclaim the Gospel = the Kingdom of God Key: the work and words of Jesus <u>Action</u>: using His power, authority, and resources to bless people More than mere necessities! <u>Relationship</u>: so that people will SEE and KNOW King Jesus 	

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The Kingdom of God	Know that Jesus <u>never</u> lacks power, authority, or resources	
comes by the power of God	Even when all we see is	
through the people of God	limitations	
as we obey Jesus	• Be ready to pick up the leftovers!	
	Sometimes He chooses to show us OUR limitations so that • we look to Him • everyone knows Jesus did it!	

The Big Idea	
The Kingdom of God comes by the power of God through the people of God as we obey Jesus	 Know that Jesus <u>never</u> lacks power, authority, or resources When we lack what is needed for a Gospel need 1. Gather what we have 2. Look to heaven: give thanks and seek God's blessing on it & us 3. Make use of what we have, even if it doesn't seem to be enough 4. Pick up the extras(!)

The Big Idea		
The Kingdom of God comes by the power of God through the people of God	Jesus could do it all on His own but He chooses to give power by His Spirit to His people for the work	
as we obey Jesus	 First the 12: empowered and sent Then 72: empowered and sent Jesus said: "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Then the church 	

The Big Idea		
The Kingdom of God comes by the power of God through the people of God	Learning comes AS we obey Power comes AS we obey Our obedience comes in many forms, yet they all require faith:	
as we obey Jesus	 Attitude Belief & trust Action: support roles physical roles word roles 	

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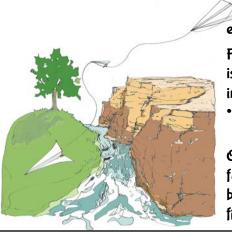
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Application

Be an apprentice of Jesus

• Learning occurs as we do what Christ commands



Forward motion is essential for a plane to fly

Faith-filled obedience is the forward motion

in God's Kingdom work

 The power is always in His name & authority, not in us
 Our faith-filled action to follow Jesus' commands
 brings the movement that God fills with His power Application

Be an apprentice of Jesus

- Learning occurs as we do what Christ commands
 - Not: learn how to love today so eventually we can love others
 - Rather: choose to love people in Christ today, and we'll grow
 - Step & sometimes stumble. Then apologize & confess & repent
 - Then repeat, over and over
 - Our character is transformed. Christ lives in us. People are loved.
- The power comes as we do what Christ commands
 - Not: once the resources arrive, we begin to obey
 - Rather: we obey the Word and the Spirit, trusting God to provide as provision is needed

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Application

Be an apprentice of Jesus

• Where is Christ calling you to obey today?

- Love God: know His Word, pray, worship, leave other gods
- Love people: 1 Corinthians 13
 - Bring blessing to people: head, heart, hands
 - Point people to Jesus, especially His startling gift of forgiveness and restoration
- Take steps every day, before your head hits the pillow
- We pray that people would be perplexed today!
 - When many people are bringing the Kingdom of God closer through their words and their actions, empowered by Jesus

Application

Disciple others in this work, creating space for their obedience

• Create opportunities for others to join Kingdom work

- Sometimes the whole thing: like Jesus sending the apostles out
- Sometimes just a part: as apostles told people to sit down
- Be looking for ways for others to do all or part of what you do
 - Crossway Kids!
 - Raising kids
 - Not-yet-believers
 - Ministry teams
 - Life Groups
 - Every one of us!

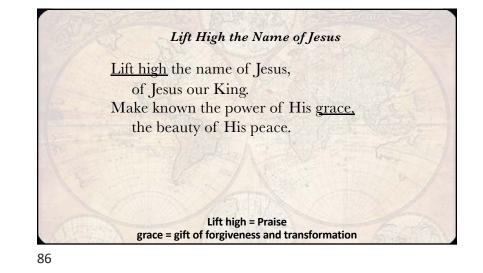
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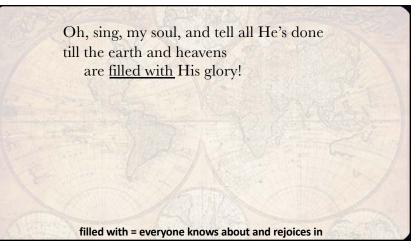
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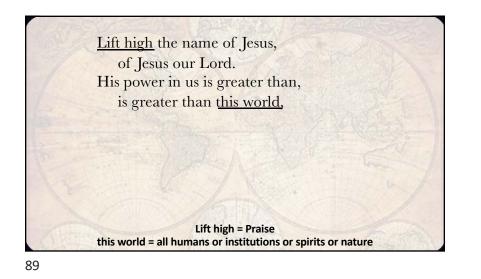
- Be an apprentice of Jesus today
- Obey the Word and the Spirit, trusting God to be present
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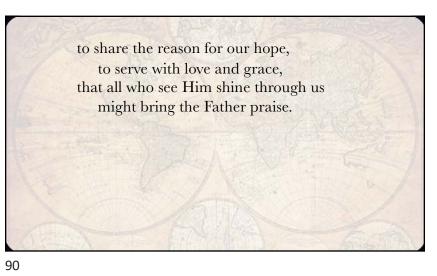
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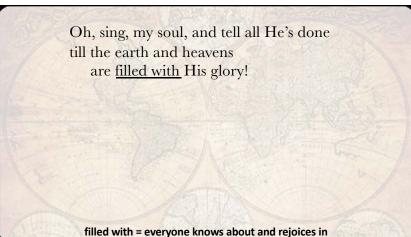


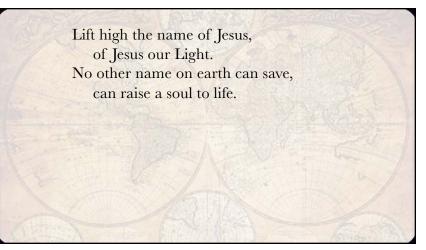
Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him. He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our <u>sin</u>.











He opens up our eyes to see the <u>harvest</u> He has grown. We <u>labor in His fields</u> of grace as He leads <u>sinners</u> home.

harvest = people God has rescued labor in His fields = tell people the Good News of God's grace sinners = people who aren't living in God's love and ways Oh, sing, my soul, and tell all He's done, till the earth and heavens are <u>filled with</u> His glory!

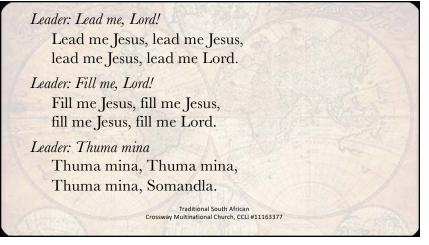
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filled with = everyone knows about and rejoices in

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You are invited...

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to stay for Zoom Breakout Rooms

- What is a Zoom Breakout Room???
- join for prayer today online at 4:30
- to join us in the building (or online) for the worship service next Sunday

See https://crosswaymchurch.org/worship-service/

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