



Crossway
Multinational
Church

We will begin around 10AM
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Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Psalm 95:6

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Our greeting time will begin shortly,
thank you for coming early!

July 25, 2021

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Welcome to
Crossway Multinational Church!

We **strive** to be a **church** that is
for, of and by
the peoples of many nations

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
AUGUST	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

The Lord's Supper

Family Room Zoom #3
For those who have joined the
"Beauty of Ethnicity" session

Prayer Gathering, 4:30pm

You are invited to come in person!
<https://crosswaymchurch.org/worship-service/>

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Kids at Crossway

Kids are always welcome at Crossway!

We will let you know when Junior Church begins
for ages 3-6

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GREETINGS

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”
 A special welcome to those who are visiting with us today!

Waving...

- ▶ wave to each other
- ▶ Greet our Father

*Because you are his sons, God sent the
 Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
 the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”
 Galatians 4:6*

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6

Come People of the Risen King (Chinese)

凡屬復活主的百姓

Come, people of the risen King,
 凡屬復活主的百姓
 who delight to bring Him praise;
 都來歡喜讚美祂
 come all and tune your hearts to sing,
 敞開我們的心高唱
 to the Morning Star of grace.
 祂是那恩典晨星

tune your hearts = prepare your hearts
 Morning Star = a title for Jesus, the Son of God
 grace = generous gift of life and forgiveness

7

From the shifting shadows of the earth
 即使世界不斷的變更
 we will lift our eyes to Him,
 我們始終仰望祂
 where steady arms of mercy reach
 耶和華以慈愛膀臂
 to gather children in.
 聚集祂所愛兒女

shifting shadows = changing, unreliable things

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Rejoice, Rejoice!
歡欣！喜樂！
Let every tongue rejoice!
萬口都要稱頌！
One heart, one voice;
同心！合一！
O Church of Christ, rejoice!
基督教會歡唱！

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Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
無論以那晨星為樂、
and those weeping through the night;
或暗夜獨自流淚；
come, those who tell of battles won,
無論得勝或試煉中，
and those struggling in the fight.
都來尋求 祂的面。

battles won = successes in life
fight = the challenges of life

10

For His perfect love will never change,
因 祂的慈愛永遠不變，
and His mercies never cease,
祂的恩典不止息，
but follow us through all our days
這平安和盼望必定
with the certain hope of peace.
一世伴隨著我們。

mercies = compassion and kindness
certain = will definitely happen

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Come, young and old from every land –
 全地信徒牽手前來,
 men and women of the faith;
 來到主施恩座前;
 come, those with full or empty hands –
 富足或貧乏都可來,
 find the riches of His grace.
 領受 神豐富恩典。

His grace = God's forgiveness and generosity

13

Over all the world, His people sing –
 全地都要聽見主子民
shore to shore we hear them call
 響徹雲霄的宣告,
 the Truth that cries through every age:
 那亙古不變的真理 –
 “Our God is all in all”!
 神 祂是我的滿足！

shore to shore = every part of every continent
 cries = shouts out
 every age = all time

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Bahasa

Filipi 2:1-11 * Philippians 2:1-11

Jadi karena dalam Kristus ada nasihat, ada penghiburan kasih, ada persekutuan Roh, ada kasih mesra dan belas kasihan, karena itu sempurnakanlah sukacitaku dengan ini: hendaklah kamu sehati sepikir, dalam satu kasih, satu jiwa, satu tujuan,

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

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dengan tidak mencari kepentingan sendiri atau puji-pujian yang sia-sia. Sebaliknya hendaklah dengan rendah hati yang seorang menganggap yang lain lebih utama dari pada dirinya sendiri; dan janganlah tiap-tiap orang hanya memperhatikan kepentingannya sendiri, tetapi kepentingan orang lain juga.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

vain conceit = foolish, empty pride

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Hendaklah kamu dalam hidupmu bersama, menaruh pikiran dan perasaan yang terdapat juga dalam Kristus Yesus, yang walaupun dalam rupa Allah, tidak menganggap kesetaraan dengan Allah itu sebagai milik yang harus dipertahankan,

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

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melainkan telah mengosongkan diri-Nya sendiri, dan mengambil rupa seorang hamba, dan menjadi sama dengan manusia. Dan dalam keadaan sebagai manusia, Ia telah merendahkan diri-Nya dan taat sampai mati, bahkan sampai mati di kayu salib.

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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Itulah sebabnya Allah sangat meninggikan Dia dan mengaruniakan kepada-Nya nama di atas segala nama, supaya dalam nama Yesus bertekuk lutut segala yang ada di langit dan yang ada di atas bumi dan yang ada di bawah bumi, dan segala lidah mengaku: “Yesus Kristus adalah Tuhan,” bagi kemuliaan Allah, Bapa!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love;
 too vast and astounding to tell.
 Forever existing in worlds above,
 now offered and given to all.
 Oh fountain of beauty eternal;
 the Father, the Spirit, the Son.
 Sufficient and endlessly generous;
 magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

vast = extremely large
fountain = abundant source

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Creation is brimming with thankfulness,
 the mountains, exultant they stand;
 the seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness,
 all life is sustained by Your hand.
 You crown every meadow with color;
 You paint every shade in the sky.
 Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of
 magnificent marvelous matchless love.

brimming = overflowing
exultant = triumphantly happy
crown = give great beauty

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How great, how sure;
 His love endures forevermore.
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

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What grace, that You entered our brokenness;
 You came in the fullness of time.
 How far we had fallen from righteousness,
 but not from the mercies of Christ.
 Your cross is our door to redemption;
 Your death is our fullness of life.
 That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood.
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

grace = generous forgiveness and restoration
fullness of time = at just the right time
redemption = rescue

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United in Your resurrection,
 You lift us to infinite heights.
 Could anything sever or take us from
 magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

sever = cut off

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The Love of God Revealed in Christ

The love of God revealed in Christ,
 the wonder of His sacrifice,
 our King was raised upon the cross.
 What a Savior! What a cost!
 What a Savior! What a cost!

revealed = demonstrated
raised upon the cross = crucified

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The perfect Lamb who sanctifies,
 our sin was nailed with Him to die.
 The old has gone, the new has come.
 It is finished! Christ has won!
 It is finished! Christ has won!

the perfect Lamb = Jesus Christ
sanctifies = purifies, makes holy
nailed with Him = taken away (we are forgiven in Him)
old = sin and shame
new = goodness and honor

35

Death defeated,
 You have conquered,
 Your great name we praise.
Crowned in glory,
Crowned in honor,
Risen from the grave.

Death defeated = we can live again after death
conquered = ended the power of sin
Crowned = given praise
Risen from the grave = came to life after death

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The grave is empty, Christ is risen,
 our hope confirmed, salvation given.
 The day will come when all will see,
 Christ the Lord has set us free!
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risen = alive again after death
salvation given = we have life forever with God

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Eternal Father, Gracious King

Eternal Father, gracious King,
 we come to you in prayer.
 Accept the pleas your children bring,
enfold us in your care.

pleas = urgent requests
enfold = surround

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Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
To your throne of grace we come,
by your Spirit, through your Son,
in your mercy, hear our prayer.

throne of grace = authority that gives new life

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We come to you in Jesus' name,
we plead his precious blood.
We leave behind our guilt and shame,
secure within your love.

precious blood = Jesus' death for us

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We come because the Spirit speaks
to calm our doubt and fear,
puts Abba Father on our lips,
and calls us to draw near.

Abba = Aramaic word for Father

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**Children 3 through 6 years old
 are invited to go to
 Junior Church**



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Prayer of Confession

1 John 5:21

Dear children, **keep yourselves from idols.**

Ephesians 5:5

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Colossians 3:5

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

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Prayer of Assurance

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him, who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

sin = attitudes, words, or actions that are immoral or disloyal to God
scorning = treating as completely unimportant

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寶貴十字架 Precious Cross

Chinese

主耶穌,我感謝祢
→ zhu ye su, wo gan xie ni
Thank you Lord, You died for me

祢的身體,為我而捨
ni di shen ti, wei wo er she
With love, You gave Your life for me

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帶我出黑暗,進入光明國度
→ dai wo chu hei an, jin ru guang ming guo du
Brought me from darkness into the world of light

使我再次能看見
shi wo zai ci neng kan jian
Opened my eyes to see

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主耶穌,我感謝祢
→ zhu ye su wo gan xie ni
Praise You Lord, Your love for me

祢的寶血,為我而流
ni di bao xue, wei wo er liu
Your blood of grace flows over me

blood = Jesus' death for us
grace = saving kindness
flows over = washes

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寶貴十架上, 醫治恩典湧流
 → bao gui shi jia shang, yi zhi en dian yong liu
Your tender mercy pours down from Calvary
 使我完全得自由
 shi wo wan quan de zi you
Your love has set me so free

tender mercy = compassionate kindness
 Calvary = where Jesus died

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寶貴十架的大能賜我生命
 → bao gui shi jia di da neng ci wo sheng ming
The precious cross, by its pow'r I am set free
 主耶穌我俯伏敬拜祢
 zhu ye su wo fu fu jing bai ni
With my all, I worship at Your feet

precious cross = the priceless death of Jesus Christ
 pow'r = power
 at Your feet = in humble submission

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寶貴十架的救恩, 是祢所立的約
 → bao gui shi jia di jiu en shi ni suo li de yue
Your saving grace, so secure in this promise of old
 祢的愛永遠不會改變
 ni di ai yong yuan bu hui gai bian
It's Your love unchanging for me

promise of old = God's promise from before time began

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→ Thank you Lord, You died for me English
 主耶穌, 我感謝祢
 zhu ye su, wo gan xie ni
 With love, You gave Your life for me
 祢的身體, 為我而捨
 ni di shen ti, wei wo er she

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→ Brought me from darkness into the world of light

帶我出黑暗, 進入光明國度

dai wo chu hei an, jin ru guang ming guo du

Opened my eyes to see

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A Testimony of God's Work in our World Today
 Alibek Kassenov & Aliya Bizhanova

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Scarcity

What do we need and want that we don't have enough of?

How do we tend to feel & behave when we don't have enough?

A Christian approach to scarcity **should be dramatically different** from all other approaches to life!

We seek the **transforming work** of the Spirit today

- not merely more information
- not merely a new insight
- not merely a new or reinforced behavior
- rather: becoming more like Jesus

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Treasure in Heaven

Luke 12:13-34

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Luke 12

Stop fearing people or authorities

- Fear = whatever has a huge influence in our lives
 - In our emotions, our thought life, our words & actions
- Fear of people leads to hypocrisy
 - We tend to hide our true selves from others, including...
 - our faith in Jesus
 - our doubts and our struggles
 - even our joys

Instead: Fear God!

Let God have the greatest influence in our lives
 Because God alone has power over the whole of our being

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Luke 12:13-15

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”

Then he said to them, “**Watch out!**

Be on your guard against **all kinds of greed;**
life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

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*Luke 12:13-34***13-15: Pursuing more money and possessions ruins life**

- It was normal to have inheritance disputes
- It was also normal to expect a religious teacher to help
- But Jesus **refused** to step into the debate
- Why?
 - Greed = wanting more money and more stuff
 - Greed is **contrary** to abundant living
- The lie (more money & stuff is better) still lives today!
- We can expect Jesus to respond the same way today to prayers motivated by wanting more money and stuff

16-21:

- He doesn't answer greedy prayers (wanting more for me)

22-28:

- Even if the law or 'justice' is on my side

29-34:

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A very long drive to MSU from Grand Rapids...

- **I realized that I was trusting in money, and in this contract from MSU, to help me grow in ministry while also caring for my family**
- **Yet Jesus says:**
"life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."
- **So how does that work out?**

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Luke 12:16-21

And he told them this parable: "The **ground** of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

"But God said to him, '**You fool!** This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is **not rich toward God.**"

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Luke 12:13-34

13-15: Pursuing more possessions ruins life

16-21: This man of exceptional wealth actually had nothing

- Perhaps half of people in Jesus' day were subsistence farmers
- This man had exactly what the man in the crowd wanted
 - More than the man could ever dream of having!
- Yet he was not "rich toward God" **so he had nothing**
- Jeff Bezos (Amazon): net worth = \$208,000,000,000
 - How much will he leave behind when he dies?
 - **All of it!**
- The obvious answer to the man's question ("What shall I do about having too much stuff?") was to **give it away!**

22-28:

- Yet apparently that didn't occur to him

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Luke 12:22-28

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not **worry** about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.

Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet **God feeds them**. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

Who of you by **worrying** can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you **worry** about the rest?

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Luke 12:22-28

“**Consider how the wild flowers grow**. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how **God clothes the grass of the field**, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!

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Luke 12:13-34

13-15: Pursuing more possessions ruins life

16-21: The man of exceptional wealth actually had nothing

22-28: “Fearing” money or possessions is senseless & bad!

- Fear = controlled by, guided by, worry about, be proud of, ...
 - or planning, hard work, skilled investment, careful spending, ...
- Because...
 1. Focusing on food and clothing makes life an empty shell
 2. God takes care of unclean ravens, so why do we worry?
 3. Can worry make your life “taller”? Of course not!
 - Actually, worry “shortens” life, and makes it worse
 4. God makes flowers beautiful and He makes grass grow
 - Better than the greatest humans!

29-34: **God loves all His children so much more than unclean birds and wild flowers and grasses!!!**

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Luke 12:29-34

“And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But **seek his kingdom**, and these things will be given to you as well. “Do not be afraid, little flock, **for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor**. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a **treasure in heaven** that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

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- There was a window of time when you could exchange the retired currency for Euros
- What will a pile of money and possessions be worth once we die? **Nothing!!**
 - **Jesus: Exchange it now for the currency of heaven!**
- **God has been pleased to give you the Kingdom!**
 - We are **owners** of the new Kingdom!
 - **Why do we cling to the retiring currency of a dying kingdom??**

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- Antidote for worrying about money and possessions
 - Trust the loving care of God
 - Seek His Kingdom
 - Give to the poor in order to get treasures in heaven
- Your heart follows your treasure
 - So transfer your treasure to heaven by giving it away for the Kingdom of God and for the poor
 - So that your heart and life will flourish
 - Otherwise, your heart and life shrivel in decay on earth

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Luke 12

Stop fearing people or authorities
Instead: Fear God!
Stop fearing money and possessions
Instead: Trust God
by seeking His Kingdom
and by giving to the poor

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Jesus taught...

When we give generously for God's purposes
>> seeking His Kingdom and giving to the poor <<
He generously cares for us in this life
and gives us priceless treasures in the new heaven & earth

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Application

Trust in the goodness of God

- After I got back to campus
- Looking back on the long drive home from Grand Rapids

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Application

"Seek God's Kingdom"
Follow God's commands

- Love God and love people (even our enemies)
- Pursue justice, mercy, and humility
- Make disciples of all nations
- Grow the Kingdom community = the Church

Be rich toward God means...

- to use our stuff or give our stuff for these things

When we find ourselves wanting more stuff, or needing our stuff, ask ourselves: "Why not be rich toward God instead?"

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Application

“Seek God’s Kingdom”
“Sell your possessions”

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“Put to death...greed, which is idolatry.” *Colossians 3:5*

- Greed = fearing money and possessions
 - Believing that they hold the power of a better life
 - It treats them as though they are God (idolatry)
- Money is not evil
- Believing that “more money makes a better life” **is evil**

Money and possessions promise relief from worry,
and they promise a better life

Yet...

- As people’s money grows, their obsession with money grows too
- “The more things you have, the more you have to have, and the more time it takes, to take care of the things you have!”
- **In general, money takes what it promises to give**

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Application

“Seek God’s Kingdom”
“Sell your possessions”

Creates the opportunity to give

- “Stuff” can become Kingdom resources
- Possessions have opportunity cost: they demand our attention and other resources

Also **“sell our responsibilities and obligations”**

- Sometimes **we give up our time** (to work, to get better deals, or...) in order **to get more money that doesn’t help us**
- When we give away responsibilities and obligations, **we are paid with time** that we can give to the Kingdom and those in need

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Application

“Seek God’s Kingdom”
“Sell your possessions”

“Give”

- **To those in need**
- **For God’s Kingdom**
- **Cautions**
 - Giving **poorly** hurts people
 - So don’t give poorly, and don’t stop giving
 - Rather, **give well**
 - **Boundaries are still wise and godly**
 - “All” is neither stated nor implied in the command to sell

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"The way to store wealth in heaven is to give it away on earth."

- To those who can't pay us back
- To those who are vulnerable and in need
- In a way that...
 - builds genuine relationships for the recipient
 - honors and empowers the recipient
 - builds the values of God and the Kingdom of God
 - helps the recipient know the glory of God
- Jesus said: You **cannot** serve God and money at the same time

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"Life is so fragile and uncertain that you can never have enough money to be sure it will all be okay."

- So...
 - ~~Gather and save as much as we can~~
- Or...
 - ~~Enjoy our time and money, because tomorrow we may die~~
- Or...
 - Trust God by using our time and money to do what He values
 - Because His time and money and goodness can never run out!

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"Generosity flows from confidence in the generosity of God"

Which reality in life shapes our living the most?

- Natural consequences

Law

- Foolish living gets bad results
- Wise living gets good results

- The generous goodness of God who cares for you

Grace

- Especially for those who seek His Kingdom first
- "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it"

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Application

"Seek God's Kingdom"

"Sell your possessions"

"Give"

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Ideas for how to give money and time

Thanks to our External Ministry Team!
 Developing relationships with organizations and people
 Giving on behalf of the church throughout the year
 Guiding our people as we have opportunity to give directly

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Some ideas for how to give money

Local

Christian Services of Lansing
 – <https://christianserviceslansing.com>

City Rescue Mission of Lansing
 – <https://www.bearrescuer.org>




Regional

Cornerstone Church in Detroit
 – <http://cornerchurch313.org/give>



Global

Naypyidaw Christian Church, Myanmar
 – We are looking for a good way to get money to them

Africa Revolution and partners
 – <http://africarevolution.org>



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Ideas for how to give time

Medilodge worship services
 – Contact Jean Eddy, jeddy57@gmail.com

Love Clothing Center
 – <http://www.judsonmemorial.org/about/lcc.html>
 – **August 14**
 – Contact John Tilden, tildenjr@gmail.com

Cornerstone Church in Detroit
 – Moving and community service, **August 7** (tentative)
 – Contact Allan Greig, allan@africarevolution.org

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**When we give generously for God's purposes
 >> seeking His Kingdom and giving to the poor <<
 He generously cares for us in this life
 and gives us priceless treasures in the new heaven & earth**

**We follow a God who paid everything to rescue us
 for the new heaven and the new earth**

**Yet sometimes we act like He might not be able to,
 or He might not be willing to,
 care for us until then**

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Lift High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus,
of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace,
the beauty of His peace.

Lift high = Praise
grace = gift of forgiveness and transformation

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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 sin.

sin = what brings guilt or shame

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Oh, sing, my soul, and tell all He's done
till the earth and heavens
are filled with His glory!

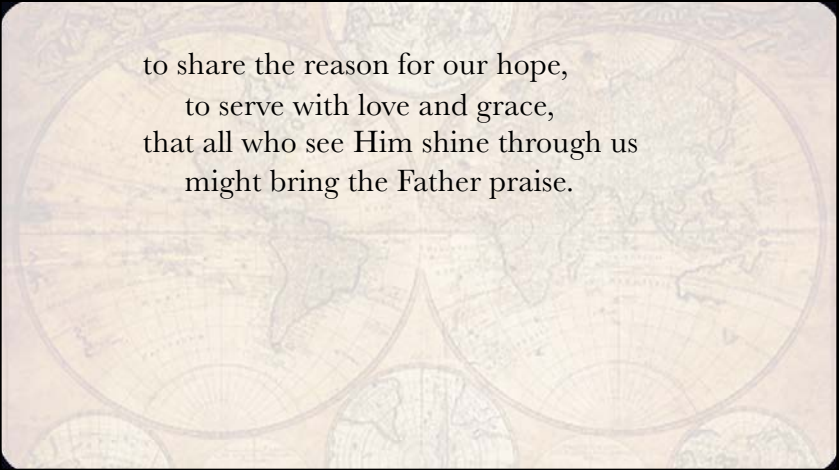
filled with = everyone knows about and rejoices in

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Lift high the name of Jesus,
of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than,
is greater than this world,

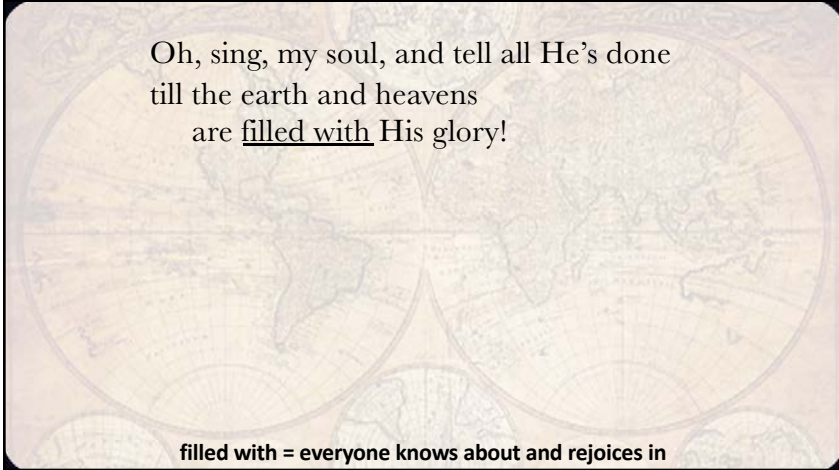
Lift high = Praise
this world = all humans or institutions or spirits or nature

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to share the reason for our hope,
to serve with love and grace,
that all who see Him shine through us
might bring the Father praise.

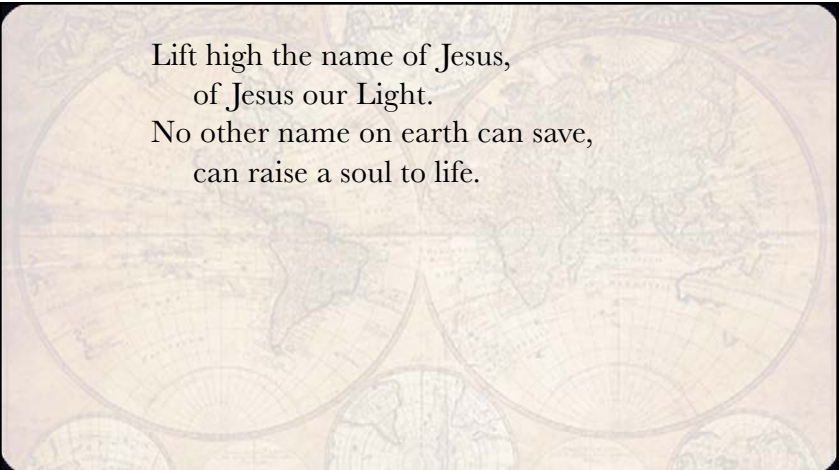
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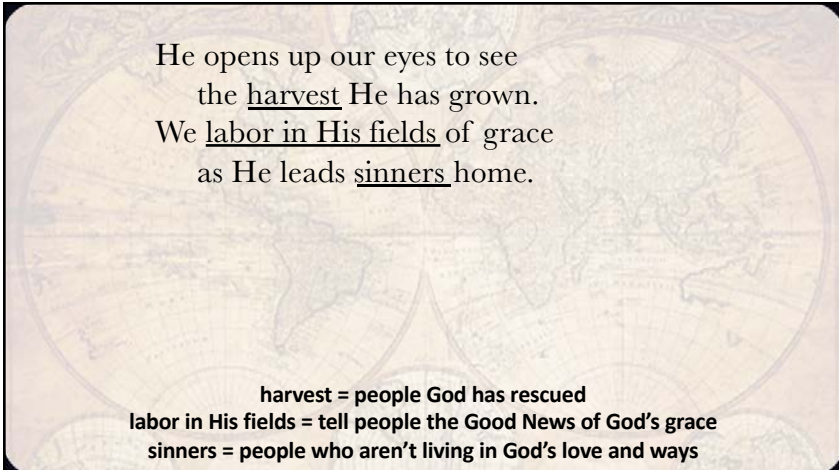
filled with = everyone knows about and rejoices in

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Lift high the name of Jesus,
of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save,
can raise a soul to life.

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He opens up our eyes to see
the harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace
as He leads sinners 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**

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Sign up for church e-mails
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Everyone is invited to join us in the building (or online) for the worship service next Sunday

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

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