

Jesus is Who You're Looking For

All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)

The last chapter of Matthew is a window that opens onto the sunrise glory of the risen Christ. Through it you can see at least three massive peaks in the mountain range of Christ's character: the peak of his power; the peak of his kindness; and the peak of his purposefulness.

And we all know in our hearts that if the risen Christ is going to satisfy our desire to admire greatness, that is the way he has to be.

People who are too weak to accomplish their purposes can't satisfy our desire to admire greatness. We admire people even less who have no purpose in life. And still less those whose purposes are merely selfish and unkind. What we long to see and know is a Person whose power is unlimited, whose kindness is tender, and whose purpose is single and unflinching.

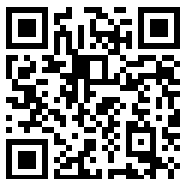
Novelists and poets and movie-makers and TV writers now and then create a shadow of this Person. But they can no more fill our longing to worship than this month's National Geographic can satisfy my longing for the Grand Canyon. We must have the real thing. We must see the Original of all power and kindness and purposefulness. We must see and worship the risen Christ.

-John Piper

Events

TODAY 7th/8th Grade
Youth Group Dinner
7:00 PM
9/4 College & Career
Lunch 1:00 PM
9/10 Ladies' Missionary
Society 9:00 AM

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Upcoming Events



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Service Times



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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

**Loving God, one another, and the world
through the gospel of Jesus Christ**

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disponible
traducción al
español
durante los
servicios de la
mañana y de la
tarde**

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Andy Dunkerton
**#1 All People that on Earth Do Dwell
O, Great God**

1. O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

2. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.
(key change)

3. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.

**You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.
(repeat)**

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Scripture Reading Matthew 2:13-23, page 808 Pastoral Prayer

Offertory #86 Now Thank We All Our God Preparatory The Wonderful Cross

1. 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.
2. Forbid it Lord that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

**(Chorus) 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---**

3. 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?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. **(Chorus 2x)**
Your name.

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Sermon Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Charles Fortner
Your Great Name We Praise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

(Chorus)

**Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.**

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
We wither and perish but nought changeth Thee. **(Chorus)**

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see,
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. **(Chorus 2x)**

**Thy great Name we praise.
Thy great Name we praise.**

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Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer

Acts 2:32-47, page 910

Offertory Preparatory

**#438 Jesus, I Live to Thee
Rock of Ages**

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die,
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee
Let me hide myself in Thee
Let me hide myself in Thee

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776 Tune: Stevan Henning

Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston