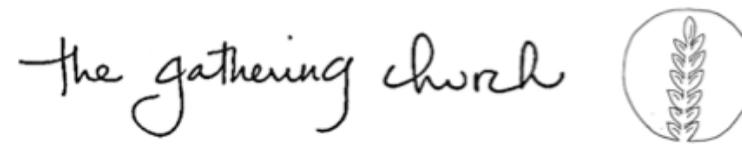


KIDS' DISMISSAL & PASSING OF THE PEACE.

As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you don't know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ's welcome and peace.

SERMON NOTES.



January 8, 2012
Psalm 145 | Genesis 15:1-6

LEARNING GOD: *The Big Moments*
ABRAHAM

“Faith is not something we give to God. In that case, faith would be a work, and a silly kind of work because it would be work we do even though it doesn't benefit anyone. But exactly the opposite is true. To have faith in God is to be ‘without works’ before God. Faith is the way we as receivers relate appropriately to God as the giver. It is empty hands held open for God to fill.”

-Miroslav Volf, *Free of Charge* (2005)

THE MASTER'S CALLING

COCKRELL

Listen while you still can hear
Listen while you still can hear
The Master's calling
The Master's calling

Walk away from Him
Bind me to Your side
Bind me to Your side

Bow down while your knees still bend
Bow down while your knees still bend
The Master's calling
The Master's calling

Praise Him while your lips still sing
Praise Him while your lips still sing
The Master's calling
The Master's calling

And I don't want to walk away
Don't want to walk away from Him
No I don't want to walk away.

Seek Him while your eyes still see
Seek Him while your eyes still see
The Master's calling
The Master's calling

CHORUS

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (DOXOLOGY)

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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HAPPENING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH (www.allgather.org/calendar)		
PRESENT BEFORE GOD	CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER	ENGAGED IN THE WORLD
<p>LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINATIONS: Nominations from the congregation will end tonight at midnight. If you have anyone in mind that you feel might be a good fit for this service, be sure to nominate him or her by filling out the form online (www.allgather.org/nominations/), or slipping your nomination card in the Black Box!</p>	<p>MUSIC VOLUNTEERS: Jeff is looking for interested volunteers to either help set up and run sound on Sunday mornings or who play an instrument or sing. He's always trying to expand our repertoire and participation in the very important ministry of the church. If you have a gift (either electronically or musically), please share it. Contact Jeff at jeff@allgather.org or talk to him following the service.</p>	<p>HYMNS RECORD RELEASE: "Hymns from the Gathering Church" is off to the printer and an album release show is scheduled for January 27th at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro. Mark your calendars and invite your friends for this great night of singing and fellowship.</p> <p>LINDA RUTH DICKINSON EXHIBIT: Come out to Artspace (Raleigh) during the month of January to check out paintings from throughout her career (spanning 25 years) and to support an artist from our congregation.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION: To have an announcement included email: happenings@allgather.org. Keep up with the Gathering Church on Twitter (@allgather) or www.facebook.com/allgather. Check out Music from the Gathering Church: music.allgather.org (to stream or buy) or gatheringmusic.tumblr.com (blog).</p>		

HOLY HOLY HOLY

HEBER/DYKES

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning
 Our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man
 Thy glory may not see.
 Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
 Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns
 Around the glassy sea
 Cherubim and Seraphim
 Falling down before thee,
 Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name,
 In Earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy!
 Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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WELCOME.

Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is focused on doing three things well: being present to God in worship, being connected to each other in community, and being engaged in the world by serving and sharing God's love. Thank you for gathering this morning to worship the Lord.

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

MAHER

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
 You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
 You lead us by still waters into mercy
 And nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember Your people,
 Remember Your children,
 Remember Your promise, O God.

CHORUS

So, remember Your people,
 Remember Your children,
 Remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Yeah, Your grace is enough
 Heaven reaches out to us,
 Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
 You use the weak to lead the strong
 You lead us in the song of Your salvation
 and all Your people sing along.

God, I sing. Your grace is enough
 I'm covered in Your love
 Your grace is enough for me, for me
 It's enough for me

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GIVING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH.

Four ways to give financially: (1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays, (2) online through Paypal (www.allgather.org/giving/), (3) by automating a draft through your bank, or (4) by mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

ANCIENT OF DAYS

SADLER/HARVILL

Blessing and honor, Glory and power,
 Be unto the Ancient of Days.
 From every nation, all of creation,
 Bow before the Ancient of Days.

You will be exalted O God,
 And Your Kingdom shall not pass away.
 Oh Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in Heaven and Earth,
 Shall declare Your glory,
 Every knee shall bow
 At Your throne, in worship.

Your Kingdom shall reign over all the Earth,
 Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
 For none can compare to
 Your matchless worth,
 Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

BOBERG/TRADITIONAL

O Lord my God,
 When I in awesome wonder,
 Consider all the worlds thy Hands have made;
 I see the stars,
 I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

And when I think, that God,
 His Son not sparing;
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 He bled and died to take away my sin.

CHORUS

**Then sings my soul,
 My Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art,
 How great Thou art.
 Then sings my soul,
 My Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art,
 How great Thou art!**

When Christ shall come,
 With shout of acclamation,
 And take me home,
 What joy shall fill my heart.
 Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
 And then proclaim:
 "My God, how great Thou art!"

CHORUS

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HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

HUGHES

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness,
 Open my eyes, Let me see.
 Beauty that made this heart adore You;
 Hope of a life spent with You.

Humbly You came
 To the earth you created
 All for love's sake became poor.

CHORUS

**And here I am to worship,
 Here I am to bow down,
 Here I am to say that You're my God;
 You're altogether lovely,
 Altogether worthy,
 Altogether wonderful to me.**

I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that Cross,
 I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that Cross,
 And I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that Cross,
 No, I'll never know how much it cost.
 To see my sin upon that Cross

CHORUS

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
 Glorious in heaven above;

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