

Something to Shout About

Romans 5:1-8

Sunday, June 14, 2020 | Real Life Series | part 1 of 5 | Pastor Ben Pease

Prelude | "The Exaltation of Christ" (excerpt) | Northwestern College Choir

Music by Charles Forsberg (b. 1942)

Welcome and Prayer

Hymn | "To God Be The Glory"

Words by Fanny Crosby, Music by William H. Doane (#72 in blue hymnal)

*To God be the glory - great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory - great things he has done!*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (refrain)*

*Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (refrain)*

Scripture Readings

Psalm 100

Luke 19:37-40

Sermon | “Something to Shout About” | Pastor Ben

Romans 5:1-8 New International Version (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Special Music | “Witness!” | Northwestern College Choir
Traditional African-American Spiritual, arranged by Jack Halloran

Benediction | Pastor Ben

Postlude | “The Exaltation of Christ” (excerpt) | Northwestern College Choir
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Music Notes

Today’s featured virtual guest music ensemble is the **Northwestern College Choir**. (Northwestern College is now the University of Northwestern - St. Paul.) Directed by Timothy Sawyer, both of the tracks used in this service are from the CD ***Transformation***, recorded in 2006. Nathan Bird sang with this ensemble and was part of this recording and tour to Ukraine and Poland, a pivotal experience for both his faith and music path.

Accompaniment for the hymn was recorded by Naomi Bird in 2004.