

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

The late Henri Nouwen moved from a career of fame, fortune and academic acceptability to taking care of handicapped adults... Nouwen said the change forced him to rediscover his true identity:

“These broken, wounded, and completely unpretentious people forced me to let go of my relevant self—the self that can do things, show things, prove things, build things—and forced me to reclaim that unadorned self in which I am completely vulnerable, open to receive and give love regardless of my accomplishments. I am telling you this because I am deeply convinced that the Christian leader of the future is called to be completely irrelevant and to stand in this world with nothing to offer but his or her own vulnerable self. That is the way Jesus came to reveal God’s love.”

— Henri Nouwen, quoted by Steve Brown



Order of Worship
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Gathering

Your Labor is Not in Vain — *Wendell Kimbrough/Paul Zach/Isaac Wardell*

Your labor is not in vain
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown. (refrain)

*For I am with you, I am with you. I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name, Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.

Welcome

I Cry Out (Good To Me) — *Craig Musseau*

I cry out, for Your hand of mercy to heal me.
I am weak, and I need your love to free me.
Oh Lord, my rock. My strength in weakness.
Come rescue me, Oh Lord.

You are my hope and Your promise never fails me.
And my desire is to follow you forever.
For you are good, for you are good, For you are good to me.
For you are good, for you are good, For you are good to me

JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE

SONG — Zach Fleury

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

Message

Text: Matthew 15:1-9

Title: Masks

Series: Church Without Walls

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” ³ He answered them, “and why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother’, and ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ⁵ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” ⁶ he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. ⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy for you when he said:

⁸ “‘This people honors me with their lips,
But their heart is far from me;
⁹ in vain do they worship me,
Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

Treasure — *Kavika and Jenny Haglund*

You know the grace of our Lord
That though He was rich
Yet for your sake, became poor

*Treasure the Lord above all else
Look to the cross, how He treasured you*

Emptied Himself, became nothing
The nature of a servant
Humbled Himself to death

STORIES — Dave Murray, Rick and Trish Maguire

BENEDICTION

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

The benediction, different from good wishes or even a prayer, is a pronouncement of God's blessing. God sends us out in peace, giving us his presence as we go to be blessing-bearers to the world.

Announcements

Prayer Request Pray for Esther, the new clinical nurse, at Miwani, Kenya. Pray that the clinic have support and supplies to meet the demand for services.

Helping the homeless Josh Brouwer is looking for adult coats and sleeping bags to give out to the homeless. If you have any that you'd be willing to donate please *contact Josh at josh@crosssound.org* or drop off at the Cross Sound office.

Lent Guides Lent is a time of preparation. It marks the beginning of gospel renewal in our lines. We invite you to join us, in these 40 days leading to Easter, with these prepared materials (*available on our website, or through these links*):

ADULT GUIDE: [In Keeping A Holy Lent](#)

CHILDREN'S GUIDE: [Jesus Storybook Bible Lent Guide](#)

Men's Ministry As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Community Groups, Men's Bible Study, small groups, worship, and friendships. If you're looking for a place to be connected, please email, text or call Dave Sellers (206) 334.5205.

- MEN'S RETREAT: Save the date! Sept.17-19, 2021 @ Ft. Worden

- FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: *email irbarbers@gmail.com* for Zoom link

- Promise Keepers VIRTUAL Marriage Summit: We invite you to watch!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=PhJOMlmUXY4>

Women's Ministry Bible Study: Join us as we begin a New Testament study into the book of Colossians, using Ruth Chou Simon's videos and study book Truthfilled. Jan 18–Mar 8. *For more info, email Kerri Koenig: kerri@crosssound.org*