

THE MESSAGE

Better Than We Had Hoped P7 Tom Hughes

1. Jesus' ascension establishes Him as the reigning king over _____ powers in _____ ages.
2. Jesus' ascension gives us _____ to God's throne for _____ and _____.
3. Jesus' ascension provides an Advocate on earth whose presence is _____.
4. Jesus' ascension gives us the spoils of Christ's victory-gifted _____ and spiritual _____.
5. Jesus' ascension keeps us _____ for his _____.

Ephesians 1:20-21 (NIV) - ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 2:6-7(NIV) - ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Luke 10:17-20 (NRSV) - ¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' ¹⁸He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NRSV) - ¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Hebrews 4:14 (NRSV) - we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens

MESSAGE NOTES

Hebrews 1:3 (ESV) - He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV) - draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

Romans 8:34 (NRSV) - It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

John 14:16-17 (NIV) - ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 16:7 (NIV) - But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Ephesians 4:7-12 (NRSV) - ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Acts 1:11 (NIV) - "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

1 Corinthians 15:24-27 (NRSV) - ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him.

Psalms 103:2 (NRSV) - Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits

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Financial Update

2024 General Budget: **\$9,100,000.00**

YTD 04.30.2024 - Requirement: **\$2,975,000.00**

YTD 04.30.2024 - Offering: **\$3,294,077.44**

April Kingdom Offering: **\$57,902.13**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$306,341.44**



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Service Times:

- Saturdays | 6pm (south)
- Sundays | 9am (south)
- Sundays | 11:15am (north & south)
- Sunday [Fusion, 18-35] | 6pm (north)

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May 11 & 12, 2024

Worship God

Become part of His **Family**

Extend His **Kingdom**

WELCOME!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convinced and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

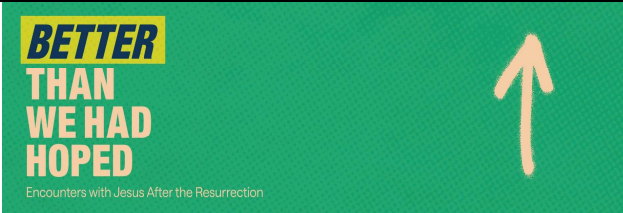
Enjoy the service!

Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill
Co-Lead Pastors

NEW?

- We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **New People's Table** in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.
- There is a **Connection Card** in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the dropbox at the New People's Table.
- If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. The courtyard is also available with a live feed. Just ask an usher!

INFORMATION



The Resurrection of Jesus was not the end of the story. Join us as we continue in our series: **Better Than We Had Hoped**. We will see where Jesus went and what He did after he rose and left an empty tomb. Each time the risen Jesus encountered people, He helped them overcome challenges of fear, worry, doubt, disappointment and more. The same risen Jesus who encountered them also comes to encounter us too, in ways that are better than we had hoped or could even imagine. Invite a friend and join us! Next weekend is a **Kingdom** weekend, we will also give a second offering for our Kingdom partners and efforts.



Let's join in on what God is doing in our city! We will be partnering with Christian organizations throughout the city to share and demonstrate the love of Christ. The outreaches include putting on a kids program, building projects, youth outreach, and more. We need at least 160 volunteers to make this happen. For more info and to sign up, please visit: cachurch.com/kingdom



Our Kids Church Program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit: cakidschurch.com

We offer programs for both middle and high schoolers. For grades 6th-8th, we meet on Saturdays (6pm-7:15pm) and for grades 9th-12th, we meet on Wednesdays (7pm-8:30pm). For more info, please visit: castudents678.com



Fusion is one of our weekend services and is specifically geared toward 18-35 year olds. We meet on Sunday nights 6pm at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north). Join us! For more info, visit: cafusion.com

OPPORTUNITIES



Whether you've called CA home for years or you are newly exploring our church, PARTNERSHIP welcomes you.

JOIN THIS 1-DAY CLASS TO:

- Learn more about our church
- Meet our pastoral staff
- Connect with others

Spring Partnership 2024

When: Saturday, June 8

Time: 9am to 1:30pm

Location: 2435 Colorado Blvd., Rm. 21 (north)

Food & Coffee Provided!

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

Scan the QR code
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CACHURCH.COM/PARTNERSHIP



UPCOMING EVENTS

Foster Care Awareness Event

Join us on **Sunday, May 19 (1-2:30pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd., Rm 30 (north)** as we learn about the foster care crisis in LA County and how we can respond as believers. We will share various ways to get involved such as Care Communities, which are CA teams that wrap around and support foster families. Lunch will be provided for those who register. For more info and to register, please visit: cachurch.com/kingdom

Fusion Backyard Nights

Find your people. Find your purpose with our **Fusion Backyard Nights**. If you are between the ages of 18-35, grab a friend and join us on **Thursday, May 23 (7-9pm) at the Church Park (near the south parking lot)**. For more info, please visit: cafusion.com/backyardnights

Seasoned Seniors (ages 65+)

Calling all seniors! If you are ages 65+, you are invited to come join us for a pot-luck lunch and a chance to meet other CA seniors and make some new friends. **Thursday, May 16 (11:30am-1pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd. Rm. 21 (plenty of parking behind the building)**. For more info about what you can bring, please email: seasonedseniors@cachurch.com

Multi-Ethnic Learning Community

God's heart is for people of all nations and ethnicities. The **Multi-Ethnic Learning Community (M.E.L.C)** is a CA group that meets monthly and seeks to live out the Biblical values of community, justice, reconciliation, and discipleship. Join us **Thursday, May 16 (7-9pm) at 2417 Colorado Blvd.** For more info, please visit: cachurch.com/melc

We're Hiring

Male Pastor - Student Ministries: We are looking to hire a male youth pastor to join our Student Ministries team! Candidates should love working with middle and high school students, be passionately committed to God's Word, and serve with humility and joy. This is a full-time position with benefits. For a job description and to apply, please visit: cachurch.com/jobs