

Lighthouse Worship

Great Commission Sunday
Sunday, May 3, 2020



- **Opening Prayer**

This morning is Great Commission Sunday! Great Commission Sunday is the day we celebrate what the Lord is doing around the world through Alliance missions. As you open this time with prayer, ask the Lord to increase your awareness of how He's advancing His Kingdom globally, to increase your passion for missions, and to reveal how you can best be a part of it.

- **Scripture Reading**

1 Chronicles 16:8-12, 23-31 Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds. Exult in his holy name; rejoice, you who worship the LORD. Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him. Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given,

Let the whole earth sing to the LORD! Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods. The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the LORD made the heavens! Honor and majesty surround him; strength and joy fill his dwelling. O nations of the world, recognize the LORD, recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong. Give to the LORD the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his presence. Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before him. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Tell all the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

- **Worship Through Song** (Recommended: Use computer or cast to a TV with good audio quality):

For the Cause (Keith and Kristyn Getty): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHuLOdZdqs8>

- **A Window on Alliance Missions in North and Central Asia**

<https://www.cmalliance.org/news/2020/04/29/caring-in-the-north-and-central-asia-region/>

- **Giving to the Great Commission Fund**

Being Great Commission Sunday, this is a day we take a special offering for Alliance missions through the Great Commission Fund (GCF). It is through the GCF that all of our 700+ Alliance international workers are supported through the US Alliance. A generous donor from elsewhere contacted the Alliance Home Office in Colorado and said he would match giving to the GCF up to \$250,000. Because of that generous offer, your giving may be matched dollar for dollar. What good news! During this time of worship, listen for how the Lord would have you support our IW's through the Great Commission Fund.

- **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere-- in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Romans 10:13-15 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

- **Worship Through Song (special song typography)**

Follow You (Leeland): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vg2b4kKDM8k>

- **A Window on Alliance Missions in Indonesia**

<https://www.cmalliance.org/video/watch/45541/?autoplay=true>

- **A Window on Alliance Missions in West Africa**

<https://www.cmalliance.org/video/watch/45747/>

- **Discussion**

Matthew 24:14 says, *And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.* From 1887 until today, the C&MA has used this verse as our rallying cry. We long to see Jesus come again to usher in His Kingdom on earth, but in God's grace, the Good News MUST go to all people groups before that happens.

In what ways have you been involved in the international work of the Good News going to the nations? How might the Lord be prompting you to pray, give, and go be a part of His international Kingdom advancement right now?

- **Worship Through Song**

I Will Follow (Chris Tomlin): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWk9I26nX5w>

- **Zoom Gathering with Alliance International Worker, “Lydia”**
(Zoom access code and password sent in this week’s church email)

Zoom Gathering #1: Sunday 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Zoom Gathering #2: Sunday 11:10 AM – 12:10 PM

Both gatherings are identical message from Lydia with Q&A at the end.
No YouTube video message this weekend.

- **Discussion:**

1. What new information did you learn from the Zoom gathering with Lydia?
2. What most impacted you from what Lydia shared?
3. How has the Lord prompted your heart to pray for Lydia and her ministry?
4. How has the Lord prompted you to be more involved with Alliance missions?

- **Communal Prayer**

Take some time and pray for Lydia and her ministry. Pray also that the Lord will show you how He would like you to be involved and invested in Alliance missions at this time, including giving to the GCF.

- **Giving to the GCF**

- Take a moment and make your offering to the Great Commission Fund right now. You may give via any of our giving avenues, including sending a check, giving online, or using text-to-give. Details on our giving page: <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving> (Whichever format you use, please be sure to designate your gift as *Great Commission Fund* or *GCF*.)

Give online: <https://abcdonate.churchcenter.com/giving>

Text-to-Give: Text amount “to GCF” to 84321 (Follow the prompts to set up your account with ABC)

- **Benediction:**

May you experience a fresh passion for the Kingdom work of God, and may you take part in what He is doing in our neighborhoods and nations. May you find the giving of hope, the salvation of souls, and the return of Christ as inspiration to be part of the Great Commission harvest! The fields are ripe!

REMINDERS:

- **Virtual Foyer – Cancelled today**
- **Giving Options –** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving>
- **Be Light –** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/be-light>
- **ABC Updates –** <https://www.abcanchorage.org/updates>