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Prelude

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 271 *Standing on the Promises* (1, 3, 4)

*Invocation

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Anthem

Doxology

Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

IT IS ALWAYS TIME TO PRESS ON

Background

*Hymn No. 513 *O How He Loves You and Me*

*Hymn No. 66 *To God Be the Glory* (Refrain)

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Sermon Continued

Personal Inventory

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 399 *Higher Ground* (1-3)

Sermon Concluded

Bottom Line

Song of Response Mr. Devon Hamilton

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 399 *Higher Ground* (4)

*Postlude

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Philippians 3:12-14

I. Remember the Background: (Philippians 3:10-11)

A. It was Paul's desire to ...

– **Know** Christ

– **Know** the power of his resurrection

– **Know** the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings

– **Become** like him in his death (follow Christ's example)

B. Paul understood that this would lead to attaining the resurrection from the dead.

II. Paul pauses to share his evaluation of his life.
(Philippians 3:12-14)

A. Paul takes personal inventory - (*The challenge before me*)
(12)

1. Right now I do not have it all - *more work to be done.*

2. I have not been made perfect - *struggle with sin.*

3. I press on to take hold of **that** for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. – remember the **'that.'**

B. Paul tells us how. (13)

1. Accept the reality of today - Value of honest evaluation.

2. Forget the regret of yesterday - Value of forgiveness.

3. Strain toward the reward of tomorrow - Value of hope.

III. Bottom line: It is important to do our part to accomplish God's will. (14)

A. **Press on** to reach the goal - **finish strong.**

B. **Press on** to win the prize - **receive the reward.**

C. **Press on** to answer God's call - **glorify God.**

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*Hymn No. 271 Standing on the Promises (1, 3, 4)

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, thru eternal ages let
His praises ring; glory in the highest I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior.
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior.
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior.
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*Hymn No. 513 *O How He Loves You and Me*

O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me;
He gave his life, what more could He give?
O how He loves you, O how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me

Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show;
What He did there brought hope from despair.
O how He loves you, O how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.

*Hymn No. 66 *To God Be the Glory* (Refrain)

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 thru Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory great things He hath done.

Offering of Thanks and Praise
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Personal Inventory

Morning Prayer
Hymn No. 399 *Higher Ground* (1-3)

1
I'm pressing on the upward way;
new heights I'm gaining every day —
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
“Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

Chorus:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's table-land;
A higher plane than I have found—
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

2

My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay;
tho some may dwell where these abound,
my prayer, my aim is higher ground.

Chorus:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's table-land;
A higher plane than I have found—
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

3

I want to live above the world, tho Satan's darts at me are hurled;
for faith has caught the joyful sound,
the song of saints on higher ground.

Chorus:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's table-land;
A higher plane than I have found—
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

Sermon Concluded

Bottom Line

Song of Response

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*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 399 *Higher Ground* (4)

I want to scale the utmost height and catch a gleam of glory bright;
but still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

Chorus:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's table-land; A
higher plane than I have found—
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

*Postlude