

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Morning Worship

July 26, 2020

Reflections

“The natural thing is for us to think that the way of repentance, humbling and surrender will lead us to being made powerful in his service, to being used much of God in winning souls, to have peace and happiness and become the joyous, released personalities we have always longed to be ..., (or to have) an easier situation at home. The reason for getting right should not be that we might have revival, or power, or be used of God, or have this or that blessing, but that we might have him.”

~ Roy Hession

“Orthodox Christianity has fallen to its present low estate from lack of spiritual desire. Among the many who profess the Christian faith scarcely one in a 1000 reveals any passionate thirst for God....We fear extremes and shy away from too much ardor in religion as if it were possible to have too much love or too much faith or too much holiness....[If you don't] refuse to surrender to the child of your spiritual environment...you will reach at least (and unknown to you) the bone yard of orthodoxy and be doomed to live out your days in a spiritual state which can be best described as “the dead level and quintessence of every mediocrity.”

~ A. W Tozer

Approach to God

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 99:1-5 (responsive)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands formed the dry land.

Song of Praise — Everlasting

Oh God our Redeemer, our Savior, our friend
Creator of the universe
Your goodness knows no end
And our voices join with the thousands who
Know mercy because of the cross
All sinners washed in your precious blood
Forever we will sing

*From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to you
From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to you, oh God*

Oh God our Deliverer, and Lord of all grace
How can I stand in silence?
When the heavens sing your praise
And our voices join with the thousands who
Know mercy because of the cross
All sinners washed in your precious blood
Forever we will sing

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Sin — Ephesians 5:15-21

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 5:6-10

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Response in Song — Immortal Invisible

Immortal, You are not like a man
That you change Your mind
Or change Your plan
Invisible, our human eyes can't see
The Depths of Your majesty

Chorus:

*You're the God of forever and ever amen
The alpha, omega, beginning and end
We sing Hallelujah
We worship in awe
Immortal, invisible God*

Immortal, You are not bound by death
You're the living God, my very breath
Invisible You are not bound by space
But Your glory is filling this place
Yes Your glory is filling this place
(Chorus)

Immortal yet You once died for me,
To pay my debt to set me free
Invisible You will not always be
'Cause You're coming to reign as our king
And the saints will fall down at Your feet
(Chorus)

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Missions Moment — Boardwalk Chapel

Congregational Prayer

Offering*

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Sermon Text — 2 Samuel 15

After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. ²And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," ³Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you." ⁴Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice." ⁵And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. ⁶Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

⁷And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron. ⁸For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the LORD will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the LORD.'"

⁹The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.

¹⁰But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'" ¹¹With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing. ¹²And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

¹³And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom." ¹⁴Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword." ¹⁵And the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides." ¹⁶So the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten concubines to keep the house. ¹⁷And the king went out, and all the people after him. And they halted at the last house.

¹⁸And all his servants passed by him, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king. ¹⁹Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do

you also go with us? Go back and stay with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile from your home. ²⁰You came only yesterday, and shall I today make you wander about with us, since I go I know not where? Go back and take your brothers with you, and may the LORD show steadfast love and faithfulness to you.” ²¹But Ittai answered the king, “As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be.” ²²And David said to Ittai, “Go then, pass on.” So Ittai the Gittite passed on with all his men and all the little ones who were with him. ²³And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness.

²⁴And Abiathar came up, and behold, Zadok came also with all the Levites, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until the people had all passed out of the city. ²⁵Then the king said to Zadok, “Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me back and let me see both it and his dwelling place. ²⁶But if he says, ‘I have no pleasure in you,’ behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him.” ²⁷The king also said to Zadok the priest, “Are you not a seer? Go back to the city in peace, with your two sons, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. ²⁸See, I will wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me.” ²⁹So Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem, and they remained there.

³⁰But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up, weeping as they went. ³¹And it was told David, “Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.” And David said, “O LORD, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.”

³²While David was coming to the summit, where God was worshiped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat torn and dirt on his head.

³³David said to him, “If you go on with me, you will be a burden to me. ³⁴But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, ‘I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father’s servant in time past, so now I will be your servant,’ then you will defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel. ³⁵Are not Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? So whatever you hear from the king’s house, tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. ³⁶Behold, their two sons are with them there, Ahimaaz, Zadok’s son, and Jonathan, Abiathar’s son, and by them you shall send to me everything you hear.” ³⁷So Hushai, David’s friend, came into the city, just as Absalom was entering Jerusalem.

Sermon — Behold, Here I Am

~ Dr. John Wise

Closing Song — All the Way My Savior Leads Me (page 8)

Closing Prayer

Behold, Here I Am

2 Samuel 15

1. The Heart of Absalom (v.1–12)
2. The Man After God's Own Heart (v.13–29)
3. The Heart of God Toward David (v.30–37)

Closing Hymn — All the Way the Savior Leads Me

1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; what have I to ask be-side?
 2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me, cheers each wind-ing path I tread,
 3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me— O the ful-ness of his love!

Can I doubt his ten-der mer-cy, who through life has been my guide?
 gives me grace for ev-'ry tri-al, feeds me with the liv-ing bread.
 Per-fect rest to me is prom-ised in my Fa-ther's house a-a-bove:

Heav'n-ly peace, di-vin-est com-fort, here by faith in him to dwell;
 Though my wea-ry steps may fal-ter, and my soul a-thirst may be,
 when my spir-it, clothed, im-mor-tal, wings its flight to realms of day,

for I know, what-e'er be-fall me, Je-sus do-eth all things well; well.
 gush-ing from the rock be-fore me, lo, a spring of joy I see; see!
 this my song through end-less a- ges: Je-sus led me all the way; way!

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Pastor Francis and his family as they are away on vacation for the next 2 weeks. Pray that they will be refreshed and rejuvenated through it and will enjoy good, quality time with each other.
- Give thanks for a great week enjoyed by our high school students at the Boardwalk Chapel. Pray that the Lord will take the work of sowing gospel seeds and bring about saving fruit in the hearts and lives of those who heard.
- Pray for our board of trustees as they meet this week. Pray that they will have wisdom in their decision making, shrewdness in their thinking, and unity and care as they work together.
- Pray for our session as they shepherd the flock. Pray that the Lord will give them wisdom, unity, and hearts of service.
- Pray for those who are expecting: Katie Poortenga, Lauren Mendez, Colleen Forsee, and Jessica Bendy. Pray for the health and well-being of both moms and babies. Pray that these little ones will grow to love and serve the Lord all their days.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: the Vidal family, Scott Innes, Kim Hanlin's father, John & Muriel Hadidian's daughter-in-law, Karyn Lynerd's father, the Wright family, Bill Wright, Ron Oakes, Ed Rodatus and those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones. Pray for strength to bear their difficult trials.

Frederick Area

- Pray for the local ministries we support financially — CareNet Pregnancy Center, the Frederick Rescue Mission, and Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pray that the Lord will continue to sustain, provide for, and bless these ministries during this uncertain time.
- Pray for the churches in Frederick that they will continue to bring hope through the gospel to the people in the community. Pray for peace and love and truth to be evident to all in the churches.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month: the home missions of the OPC. Pray for the Lord's blessing on the work of all of the regional home missionaries and that there will be a growing zeal in established congregations to take up direct involvement in home missions.
- Give thanks that Claire Hall has raised 94% of the funds that she needs to go to Scotland with 20Schemes! Pray for her as she plans to move to Scotland in October of this year.
- Pray for Kristen Lalley as she prepares to go to England in September. Pray that the Lord would provide for all her needs including the remaining 6% of her monthly support. Pray for the visa process she is beginning and that both the UK and the US governments will look favorably upon her requests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Francis away, Pastor Francis will be on vacation for the next 2 weeks and will return to preach on August 9. If you have a shepherding concern or need assistance, please contact either John Wise (johnwise@newhopeopc.org) or your shepherding elder or Giny in the office (admin@newhopeopc.org).

Trustee Meeting, Monday, July 27th at 7:30 pm.

Session Meeting, Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 pm.

Ushers Needed, if you are willing to serve as usher during the worship service, please contact Brian Burden.

Frederick Rescue Mission needs, With school around the corner FRM will be hosting our annual Backpack Drive to help kids returning to school. We may not know what this looks like yet but the kids will need supplies! If you would like to help with this event FRM will be collecting items from the list below. These can be dropped off at the Mission Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm at the door to the right side of the building. If you have any questions please Carolyn Chandler at the Rescue Mission.

Supplies needed:

- Backpacks
- Pencils, Pens, Highlighters
- Notebooks, Composition books
- Folders, Binders
- Rulers, Scissors
- Erasers
- Glue sticks
- Pencil boxes/holders
- USB drives
- Tab dividers
- 3x5 cards

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: 2 Samuel 15:26 — “behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him.”

Westminster Confession — III.1 God from all eternity did, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass: yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

Monday: 2 Sam 15:1–12. How could this raise questions in the minds of all of Israel in regards to God’s favor on David? How might David question God’s favor on him in light of these events? Do you ever question the favor of God on you, especially when you stumble and fall in sin? Trust and receive the favor God toward you if you are in the Lord Jesus (see Micah 7:18–20; Rom. 8:33–39).

Tuesday: 2 Sam 15:13–17. Whose good is David most concerned with? How does David’s response reveal the heart of God toward His people? (see Phil. 2:3–8). How does this look like Christ? How are you tempted to respond when you feel your little kingdom is challenged? Do you dig in and fight? Do you just cave in because it is easier on you? Give thanks today for Christ, who *came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many* (Mark 10:45).

Wednesday: 2 Sam 15:18–29. How does David’s response reflect the heart of a man after God’s own heart? How does David demonstrate his trust in God’s good hand in his life? How is this perfectly displayed in Jesus, the Son of David? (1 Peter 2:21–24). If the Father raised up Christ, what will He do for you, in union with Christ? (see Rom. 8:31,32)

Thursday: 2 Sam 15:30–36. See how all the people lament with David. Do we rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep? (Rom. 12:15) Do we allow the Spirit to truly knit our hearts together under our King, the Lord Jesus? (Col. 2:1–3). Pray for New Hope today, that the Lord will build us up in unity and the compassion for one another found in Christ.

Friday: 2 Sam 15:32–37. See the good hand of the Lord toward David. The text shows us how David’s prayer is answered for the Lord to do what seems good to Him (v.26). How often do we look back and see the good hand of the Lord in the events of your life? Give thanks today for the Lord’s Providence which He expresses in His care and provision in your life.

Saturday: Read 2 Samuel 16. Give thanks today that the Lord does not deal with His people according to their sins.

