

WELCOME!



10:30 am Worship

# Morning Worship

April 19, 2020

## Reflections

*"Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But, while joined by many bonds, which one precedes and brings forth the other is not easy to discern."*

~ John Calvin

*"Draw near to God and he will draw near to you."*

~ James 4:8a

*"I must believe that infinite wisdom has been at work to give me the thing best for me. Why it is best for me I know not; enough that, if it comes from God, it must be so."*

~ A Book of Comfort for Those in Sickness

*"We do not see the reasons for pain; we are like children, who for a present advantage would forego any amount of future good; but our sympathizing Father is wise, with a full far-seeing wisdom; and he means us to get great blessing, if only we are willing that he should bless us in his own way."*

~ A Book of Comfort for Those in Sickness

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## Approach to God

## Welcome

## Prelude

### Call to Worship — Isaiah 2:3 (in unison)

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

# Hymn of Praise — Come Thou Fount

Γ D A<sup>7</sup> D A A Γ D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A<sup>7</sup> D A Γ D G D A<sup>7</sup> D Γ

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

# Prayer of Adoration

# Song of Praise

## May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ  
May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife with boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

Chorus:

*May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes that we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known  
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word (CHORUS)

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims

CHORUS

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name (CHORUS)

## **Confession of Sin — Ephesians 5:15-17**

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,  
<sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.  
<sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

## **10 Commandments** (in unison) — Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

## **Assurance of Pardon — Isaiah 42:6**

<sup>6</sup> “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations...

## **The Lord’s Prayer** (in unison)

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

## **Response in Song**

### **All I Have is Christ**

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life, had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own, a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state, and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God’s love displayed You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ*  
*Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands, could never come from me  
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be, my only boast is You

## **We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

*Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire,  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood,  
Upheld, protected, gathered up (chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together, bring shalom. (chorus)

## **Congregational Prayer**

### **Offering\***

*\*You can give on-line at the New Hope website: [www.newhopeopc.org](http://www.newhopeopc.org) and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

## **Sermon Text — James 5:1-12**

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

## **Sermon — Preparing for the Parousia**

~ Dr. John Wise

## **Closing Hymn — Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

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## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**



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# Preparing for the Parousia

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James 5:1-12

1) The Priority of the Person (vs. 1-6)

2) Patience in Perseverance (vs. 7-11)

3) The Proper Perspective (vs. 12)

# Closing Hymn — Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;  
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:  
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:  
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms fill:

bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still:

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# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Give thanks and praise for the healthy birth of Lucie Grace Quist born last Saturday weighing in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Mom and baby are doing well. Pray that little Lucie will come to love the Lord early in her life and will serve Him all her days.
- Pray that our elders will have wisdom, strength, and good shepherding during this season.
- Pray for all who are suffering from the effects of the coronavirus in their work, in their families, and in their lives.
- Pray that despite a tremendous amount of uncertainty and strain that we will continually turn to the Lord and trust in Him and His promises.
- Give thanks for the extra time many families have together; pray that all of us will use any extra time well, especially to grow spiritually.
- Pray for God's provision, care, and protection for our church family during this time. Pray particularly for the health of our elderly and immune compromised.
- 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: John & Muriel Hadidian's daughter-in-law, Lance Duvall's father, Karyn Lynerd's father, the Wright family, the Beeman family as they are missing Russell, Bill Wright, Scott Innes, Steve Doe, Ron Oakes, John Bishoff, 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 Frederick Rescue Mission as they continue to serve and feed those in need in these uncertain times. Pray for protection for their workers, for provisions to be met, and for order and joy in the midst of difficulty
- Pray for the churches in Frederick that they will continue to bring hope through the gospel to the people in the community.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missionary of the month: OPC missionaries around the world. Pray for God's protection on them, the ability to give a message of hope to a frightened world, and strength to continue with their calling.
- Pray for Claire Hall as she prepares to go to Scotland with 20Schemes missions and Kristen Lalley as she prepares to go to England. Pray that because the virus outbreak has been affecting various aspects of their ministries, the Lord would give them patience in waiting.
- Pray for Brad & Lucy Myers at UNC in Wilmington as they continue to reach out to students who have now transitioned to online classes for the foreseeable future.

# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text** — James 5:8 —You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

**Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC 43): *How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?*** Christ executes the office of a prophet, in his revealing to the church, in all ages, by his Spirit and word, in diverse ways of administration, the whole will of God, in all things concerning their edification and salvation.

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**Monday:** James 5:1–4. James is not pulling any punches here. Why do you think he is using such strong prophetic imagery to denounce the rich? To what event is he pointing the rich? Where is the hope in this passage? What does verse 4 say about the character of God? What does it say about the care for His people? [e.g. Prov. 11:28; Amos 6:1].

**Tuesday:** James 5:5. How did Jesus view the rich to whom James is speaking? [e.g. Luke 6:19,20,24; Luke 12:21]. Does Jesus condemn *all* who are rich? [e.g. Genesis 13:12; Job 42:10; Luke 19:1–10] Then to what problem is James pointing out in the rich? How should we who are already in Christ hear these warnings? [e.g. 1 Tim. 6:9; 1 Tim. 5:6].

**Wednesday:** James 5:6. There has been much debate among scholars whether James is referring to the innocent pilgrims or to the truly Innocent One, Jesus. How does the work of the Spirit in our lives the implications of both thoughts? [i.e. James 4:2; Acts 3:18,19].

**Thursday:** James 5:7–11. What is the fruit of the Holy Spirit that James is exhorting us to bring forth in these times in which we live? Another word for "establish" in verse 8 is "strengthen." How can we strengthen our hearts? [e.g. 1 Cor. 1:8; 1 Thess. 3:12,13]. To what is the Spirit here pointing our attention in order to keep us focused on Christ? How does this differ for the pilgrim as compared to the rich James has already addressed? To whom is James presenting as examples for us?

**Friday:** James 5:12. Why is James exhorting us to not swear an oath here? What is his point underneath this warning? Remember that James is wisdom literature (e.g. Proverbs, Ecclesiastes). How does that affect our interpretation of this passage? How should this inform the way we speak to one another? [e.g. Eph. 4:25] How is what James saying like the example we find in Mark 14:66–72? How is it different to Paul's statement in 1 Thess. 5:27? Compare this to Hebrews 6:13–18.

**Saturday:** Read 2 Sam 4. Consider the actions in this chapter in light of v 9. Pray for tomorrow's worship service.