

WELCOME!



10:30 am Worship

Morning Worship

April 26, 2020

Reflections

When we go into repentance, our experience of our complex God becomes simple -steadfast love through the blood of the Lamb."

~ Ray Ortlund, Jr

Lord, make me as holy as a pardoned sinner can be made.

~ Robert Murray M'Cheyne

Cherishing is the beating heart of love. It means that during the day your eyes are on others.... To be lovers of people, we need to look at them. Like Jesus we must see them. Like him we must stop, look, and listen.

~ Paul Miller

Approach to God

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 103:8-14

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

Hymn of Praise — Children of the Heavenly Father

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1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your Pro -

Em D G

in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; from all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
 tec - tor nev - er slum - bers; at the will of your De -

D ♯ Em A⁷ D 7

heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.

5. Though he giveth or he taketh,
 God his children ne'er forsaketh;
 his the loving purpose solely
 to preserve them pure and holy.

6. More secure is no one ever
 than the loved ones of the Savior;
 not yon star on high abiding
 nor the bird in home-nest hiding.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise

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)

We sing Hallelujah,
We worship in awe
Immortal, invisible God
Immortal, invisible God

Out of the Depths

Out of the depths, O Lord,
I cry to You.
When I am tempted to despair.
Though I might fail
to trust Your promises,
You never fail to hear my prayer.
And if You judged my sin,
I'd never stand again,
But I see mercy in Your hands...

*So more than watchmen
for the morning,
I will wait for You, my God,
When my fears come
with no warning,
In Your Word I'll put my trust.
When the harvest time is over
And I still see no fruit,
I will wait, I will wait for You...*

The secret mysteries
belong to You
We only know what You reveal,
And all my questions
that are unresolved,
Don't change the wisdom
of Your will.
In every trial and loss,
my hope is in the cross,
Where Your compassions
never fail. (chorus)

Confession of Sin — Matthew 7:7-14

⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹²“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Assurance of Pardon — Luke 15:21-24

²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

The Apostles’ Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.

From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* ‘he descended into hell’: i.e. Christ suffered hellish agony on the cross

** by ‘catholic’: i.e. universal, worldwide

Response in Song — As Long as I Have Breath

How do I thank You, O Lord
For taking my place on the cross?
And how do I thank You O Lord
For all of Your mercy and kindness?
For calling me to You, for letting me hear You
For opening my heart to the Gospel

*As long as I have breath I will praise You
As long as my heart beats I will sing
As long as life flows in my veins,
I will bless Your Name*

How do I thank You O Lord
for all of the love in Your eyes?
And how do I thank You O Lord
for how You have changed me forever
For giving me new life, a hope and a future
With favor and gladness
And every good thing

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 4

When Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, heard that Abner had died at Hebron, his courage failed, and all Israel was dismayed. ²Now Saul's son had two men who were captains of raiding bands; the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, sons of Rimmon a man of Benjamin from Beeroth (for Beeroth also is counted part of Benjamin; ³the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been sojourners there to this day).

⁴Jonathan, the son of Saul, had a son who was crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled, and as she fled in her haste, he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

⁵Now the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, set out, and about the heat of the day they came to the house of Ish-bosheth as he was taking his noontime rest. ⁶And they came into the midst of the house as if to get wheat, and they stabbed him in the stomach. Then Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. ⁷When they came into the house, as he lay on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him and put him to death and beheaded him. They took his head and went by the way of the Arabah all night, ⁸and brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron. And they said to the king, "Here is the head of Ish-bosheth, the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life. The LORD has avenged my lord the king this day on Saul and on his offspring." ⁹But David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life out of every adversity, ¹⁰when one told me, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him at Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his news. ¹¹How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood at your hand and destroy you from the earth?" ¹²And David commanded his young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet and hanged them beside the pool at Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth and buried it in the tomb of Abner at Hebron.

Sermon — Trusting the Redeemer

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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Trusting the Redeemer

2 Samuel 4

1. Avenging for the LORD (vs 1-8)

2. Trusting in the LORD (vs 9-12)

Closing Hymn — Great is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



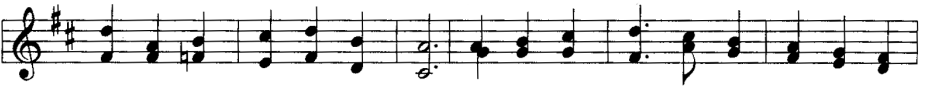
shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -



vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray that our elders will have wisdom, strength, and good shepherding during this season.
- Pray for Kim Hanlin as she makes decision for her father's continued care. Pray for Kim's dad, Vincent, who is currently at Frederick Health and Rehab where he will likely remain. Please pray that he will meet the criteria for the memory care unit and that he remains healthy and well cared for.
- Pray for those who are out of work, have lost jobs recently, or are now underemployed due to the fallout from the government shutdowns. Pray for God's provision for them all.
- 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 prepare 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.

Heidelberg Catechism 11 Is not God then also merciful? *God is indeed merciful, but also just; therefore his justice requires, that sin which is committed against the most high majesty of God, be also punished with extreme, that is, with everlasting punishment of body and soul.*

Monday: 2 Sam 4:1-8. How did Rechab and Baanah seize the hour? Why can we be tempted to do this? How can you distinguish between godly and ungodly opportunism? Contrast these two guys with David's response to similar temptation in 1 Sam 24:4-6 and Jesus in Mt 4:1-11)? Pray for a deeper trust in God's providence.

Tuesday: 2 Sam 4:5-8, 11. How do Rechab and Baanah view their actions? How does David analyze their actions (v 11)? How does the narrator emphasize that their actions were not courage but cowardice? What is courage? Is it lack of fear? How does the Spirit of Christ strengthen us to be courageous, to do what is right (Eph 6:10-20)? Pray for such courage.

Wednesday: 2 Sam 4:1, 8-9. What do you think motivated Rechab and Baanah's deeds? Are there places in your life where you seek earthly reward, or a better position? David could be tempted to reward them for securing his position, because they were his "redeemers." What does he do instead (v 9)? How does thankfulness and gratitude to God for redemption shape David's response/actions? How does it shape your thoughts and actions?

Thursday: 2 Sam 4:9-12. Why does David exercise justice? How does he do it? How seriously does God take justice? Does grace diminish or veto justice? How do justice (and even the final judgment) provide an excellent encouragement for saints? How concerned are you for justice?

Friday: 2 Sam 4:8. How do Rechab and Baanah use theology to "clean up" their evil deed? Although God did use their evil deed in his providence to secure the throne for David and unite the twelve tribes, does their "God appointed us, we are God's chosen instruments of vengeance" justify their actions? Consider how quickly you justify your own (sinful) actions. Let us submit to God's grace and to his law.*

Saturday: How do you see David's kingdom established in 2 Samuel 5?

*I'm leaning on Dale Ralph Davis' commentary on 2 Samuel here

Treasurer Report to Congregation,
April 21, 2020
Prepared by Elease Layman, Treasurer

What an encouragement it has been to see many in the family of New Hope continuing to practice faithful generosity! While we can't pass the baskets during services, many of you have adapted to new modes of donations. Please see the current state of our General Fund giving, below. While we currently have no problem keeping the lights on and paying the pastor, the Board of Trustees does anticipate a decrease in contributions due to the economic climate as the year progresses. We are closely watching our budgeted expenses. We pray that the Lord will continue to encourage you in your cheerful giving to His work at and through New Hope.

Financial Standing, year-to-date, as of April 21, 2020

General Fund Giving

Actual: \$166,344
Budget: \$153,566
Variance: **\$12,778 (surplus)**

Facility Fund Giving: \$8,427

Q & A with the Treasurer

Q: Who is New Hope's Treasurer anyway?

A: As of February 18, 2020, New Hope's Treasurer is I, Elease Layman. Yes, doesn't that correct grammar just grate on your nerves? I can be reached at 301.767.6848 or treasurer@newhopeopc.org and eagerly await all of your financial questions.

Q: I'm giving through PayPal now. Will these donations show up on my year-end contribution statement like my checks do?

A: Yes! When you donate to the church via PayPal (easy access via the "GIVE" button at newhopeopc.org), I note your name and/or email account and match this information to your church records. Each PayPal donation is recorded in the same place where your check donations are recorded, and you'll receive an aggregate 2020 statement with all payment types included.

That said, I would always advise you to keep copies of cleared checks/PayPal confirmations in order to reconcile the church's year-end giving statement in January with your own records.

Q: I don't trust the internet with my money. Or perhaps I just love the USPS... Can I mail a check?

A: Yes! Please send checks to

New Hope OPC
5305A Jefferson Pike
Frederick MD 21703

Gingy checks the mail multiple times a week, and I process donations at least once a week.

Q: Since I'm sending the check anyway, can I include something with the check? I don't know...maybe a friendly note, a joke, a Bible verse, a poem I wrote, a coloring page my toddler did while I tried to get 10 minutes to myself, a stick of gum, or an origami swan?

A: Wow, what a great question! Yes, enclosures are welcome. A bit of toilet paper is also a fine idea.

Q: Surely we'll get to meet back at church again soon. Can I just wait to do my giving then?

A: You can do whatever you want! This is America! Your consistent giving, however, does allow our Board of Trustees to plan and to make informed decisions. If you can stick to your regular giving schedule (if you have one), that would be appreciated.