

WELCOME!



10:30 am Worship

Morning Worship

April 5, 2020

Reflections

Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord. The world today is full of sufferers from the wasting disease which Albert Camus focused as Absurdism ('life is a bad joke'), and from the complaint which we may call Marie Antoinette's fever, since she found the phrase that describes it ('nothing tastes.') These disorders blight the whole of life: everything becomes at once a problem and a bore, because nothing seems worthwhile.

~ Counterfeit Gods, Tim Keller

"I complained about having no shoes until I met a man with no feet.' Trite but true. Involve yourself with those in more humble circumstances. It fosters contentment in you and revives it in others. A double blessing."

~ *When God Weeps*, pg. 175.

Approach to God

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship — Isaiah 55:1 (in unison)

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Hymn of Praise — Whate’er My God Ordains is Right

Whate’er my God ordains is right:
His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate’er He doth;
And follow where He guideth.
He is my God: though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall.
And so to Him I leave it all,
He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate’er my God ordains is right:
He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path;
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent.
His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day,
His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate’er my God ordains is right,
Though now this cup I’m drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew.
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart,
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate’er my God ordains is right.
Here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet I am not forsaken.
My Father’s care is round me there.
He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so to Him I leave it all,
He holds me that I shall not fall.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise

Living Waters

Are you thirsty, Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows,
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children,
To the shore line
Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty, Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love, forgiveness,
Vast and boundless
Christ, He is our living waters

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain
and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure
and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour King
Then my joy complete
standing face to face
In the presence of
the Ancient of Days

Confession of Sin — 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon — Isaiah 49:13-16

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.
¹⁴ But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me.”
¹⁵ “Can a woman forget her nursing child,
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.
¹⁶ Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.

Response in Song — Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

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 — Numbers 11

And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes, and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp.

²Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire died down. ³So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

⁴Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

⁷Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. ⁸The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. ⁹When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it.

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. ¹⁷And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone. ¹⁸And say to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, “Who will give us meat to eat? For it was better for us in Egypt.” Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat. ¹⁹You shall not eat just one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, ²⁰but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before him, saying, “Why did we come out of Egypt?”’” ²¹But Moses said, “The people among whom I am number six hundred thousand on foot, and you have said, ‘I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!’ ²²Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, and be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, and be enough for them?” ²³And the LORD said to Moses, “Is the LORD's hand shortened? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he

gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

³¹ Then a wind from the LORD sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits above the ground. ³² And the people rose all that day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail. Those who gathered least gathered ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. ³³ While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck down the people with a very great plague. ³⁴ Therefore the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had the craving. ³⁵ From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed to Hazeroth, and they remained at Hazeroth.

Sermon — Infectious Complaining

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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Benediction

Postlude

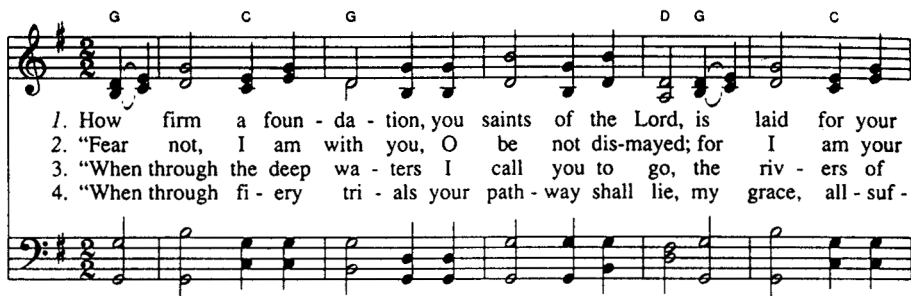
Infectious Complaining

Numbers 11

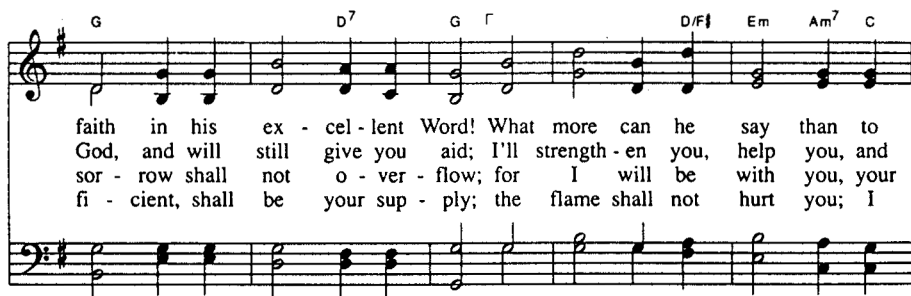
1. Infectious Complaining (vs 1-15)

2. God's Generous Hand (vs 16-35)

Closing Hymn — How Firm a Foundation



1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of
 4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-



faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and
 sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your
 sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I



you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
 cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
 troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
 on - ly design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Continue to pray for our country and those around the world as we battle the spread of COVID-19. Pray that the Lord would be merciful and that in this difficult time, many will turn to and trust in Him as their Savior.
- Pray for those who are struggling with anxiety and fear as they consider the affects of COVID-19. Pray that the Lord would minister to their hearts, will help them turn and trust Him, and will help them find peace in the midst of the storm.
- Pray for those whose work circumstances have changed significantly (nurses, teachers, etc.), those who have had their work significantly diminished, those who are working but would rather not be, and those who have lost their jobs.
- Pray for families that are “stuck” together for these long weeks that the Lord would give patience, humility, grace, and good relational time to get through.
- 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, Megan Quist 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 Enland. 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 — Psalm 46:1-3

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Westminster Larger Catechism 147 What are the duties required in the tenth commandment? *The duties required in the tenth commandment are, such a full contentment with our own condition, and such a charitable frame of the whole soul toward our neighbor, as that all our inward motions and affections touching him, tend unto, and further all that good which is his.*

Monday: Numbers 11:1-9. Why do the people complain? What does God think of it (v 2, 11)? How does their grumbling reinterpret the past (vv 4-5, Ex 1:13, 2:23)? How does their complaining focus selectively on the present (v 6, 7-9)? Ponder your own complaining in light of these questions. Why does 1 Cor 10:10-14 tie grumbling to idolatry?

Tuesday: Underneath complaining is a belief that God is not really good, or is holding back goodness from us. Find hints of this unbelief in Numbers 11, especially v 6, 10, 11, 15, 23. In Num 10:29-32 God promises good to Israel. And in two chapters they're almost in the Promised Land. What "goodnesses" has God given you, or promised you, that you need to call to mind during this time (e.g. Jn 11:25, 14:1-3, Rom 8)?

Wednesday: Num 11:4-6, 18-20. How can Jesus say that the Jews rejecting manna was a rejection of him (Jn 6:41-50)? Look for clues in Ps 78:21-31 (esp v 22). How are we to trust God for our daily provision both physically and spiritually (Mt 6:34, Phil 1:6, Is 55:2)? Pray that New Hope feasts on Christ more deeply, and that others taste this "Bread from Heaven."

Thursday: According to Numbers 11:1-3, when the people complain, how is the mediator supposed to function? What happens to the mediator in vv 10-15? What is the significant risk, and hence question because of his failing? Who is our Mediator (1 Tim 2:5, Heb 9:15, 12:24f)? Does he ever fail to mediate, or pray for you (Rom 8:26f, 34)? How does this hearten you when you fail, and move you to be thankful and encouraging instead of complaining?

Friday: How is God's generous provision sometimes a judgment (Num 11:31-34)? How do you think the people *should* have responded with such abundance? How is God's generous provision seen in Num 11:16f, 26-30? This meant more Word, more spiritual help for the people. How is v 29 fulfilled in the NT for us (Acts 2:1-4, 14-21, 33)? What benefit is it to you that the Spirit dwells in you?

Saturday: Reflect on Jesus' crucifixion in Luke 23:39-49. How did/does this truth change your world?