

WELCOME!



10:30 am Worship

# Morning Worship

May 17, 2020

## Reflections

*"God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart. When you are so weak that you cannot do much more than cry, you coin diamonds with both your eyes. The sweetest prayers God ever hears are the groans and sighs of those who have no hope in anything but His love."*

~ C.H. Spurgeon

*"When you realize that God has taken you from the gutter, so to speak, and made you a son in His own house -you, a miraculously pardoned offender, guilty, ungrateful, defiant, perverse as you were - your sense of God's 'love beyond degree' is more than words can express." your spirit takes wing and flies... p 195,*

~ from Knowing God, J.I. Packer

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## Approach to God

## Welcome

## Prelude

## Call to Worship — Exodus 34:5-7 (in unison)

<sup>5</sup>The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

# Hymn of Praise — All Glory Laud and Honor



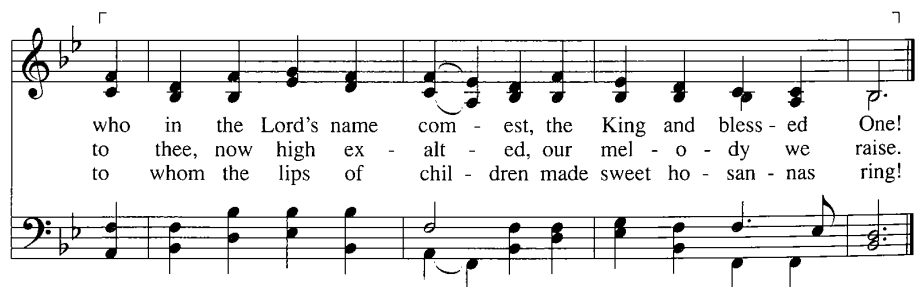
1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent;  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!



Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

## Prayer of Adoration

## **Songs of Praise — I Will Rejoice in the Lord**

Lord, I have heard of your fame;  
I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord.  
Renew them in our day,  
in our time make them known;  
In wrath remember mercy.

*And I will rejoice in the Lord!*

*I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

*I will rejoice in the Lord! Again I say rejoice!*

*I will rejoice in the Lord!*

*I will rejoice in the Lord!*

Though the fig tree does not bud,  
and there're no grapes on the vines,  
Though the olive crop fails,  
and the fields produce no food,  
Though there're no sheep in the pen,  
and no cattle in the stalls.

*Yet I will rejoice...*

Lord, in your presence who can stand?  
My deeds before you are as filthy rags.  
There's nothing I can bring but a heart full of sin.  
Yet through the mercy of Your Son I can enter in.

*So I will rejoice...*

## Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 89:1-3, 19-37

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. <sup>2</sup>For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."  
<sup>3</sup>You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
<sup>19</sup>Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:  
"I have granted help to one who is mighty;  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.  
<sup>20</sup>I have found David, my servant;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him,  
<sup>21</sup>so that my hand shall be established with him;  
my arm also shall strengthen him.  
<sup>22</sup>The enemy shall not outwit him;  
the wicked shall not humble him.  
<sup>23</sup>I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.  
<sup>24</sup>My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,  
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.  
<sup>25</sup>I will set his hand on the sea  
and his right hand on the rivers.  
<sup>26</sup>He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'  
<sup>27</sup>And I will make him the firstborn,  
the highest of the kings of the earth.  
<sup>28</sup>My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.  
<sup>29</sup>I will establish his offspring forever  
and his throne as the days of the heavens.  
<sup>30</sup>If his children forsake my law  
and do not walk according to my rules,  
<sup>31</sup>if they violate my statutes  
and do not keep my commandments,  
<sup>32</sup>then I will punish their transgression with the rod  
and their iniquity with stripes,  
<sup>33</sup>but I will not remove from him my steadfast love  
or be false to my faithfulness.  
<sup>34</sup>I will not violate my covenant  
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.  
<sup>35</sup>Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;  
I will not lie to David.  
<sup>36</sup>His offspring shall endure forever,  
his throne as long as the sun before me.  
<sup>37</sup>Like the moon it shall be established forever,  
a faithful witness in the skies."

## **Confession of Sin — Matthew 5:1-2**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Response in Song — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found; dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## 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 — 2 Samuel 7:1-17**

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’” <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David. accordance with all these words, and in

## **Sermon — God’s Steadfast—Love—Promise**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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# **God's Steadfast-Love-Promise**

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2 Samuel 7:1-17

1. Temporary Tent (vs 1-7)

2. Permanent House (vs 8-17)

## **Closing Song — Is He Worthy?**

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting  
through? (We do)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)  
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He  
does)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
From every people and tribe  
Every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God  
To reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this? He is!  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Pray for Libby Low who is currently in the hospital recovering from surgery that was needed on a broken femur after a fall and not doing particularly well. Pray that, if it is her time, the Lord would take her peacefully and without suffering but that if it is not her time, she would heal quickly.
- Pray for wisdom as we consider and plan for our reopening.
- Pray for a friend of Josie O'Shea, Robin, who has been diagnosed with single cell carcinoma and has been given just weeks to live. She is in her 30s and a believer. Pray for God's peace, healing, and care for her.
- 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 the Lord continues to uphold, sustain, and provide for New Hope.
- 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.
- 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: Kim Hanlin and her father Vincent, 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 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.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our mission of the month: 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 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 Seth Jernigan as he raises funds for his summer missions work at the Boardwalk Chapel. Pray that the Lord provides for all of his needs and that it would be a fruitful and blessed summer.

## DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text** — 2 Samuel 7:12-13 <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

**Heidelberg Catechism 14** What is the meaning of these words “He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary”? *That God’s eternal Son, who is, and continues true and eternal God, took upon him the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Ghost; that he might also be the true seed of David, like unto his brethren in all things, sin excepted.*

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**Monday:** 2 Sam 7:1-3. What differences are there between a house and a tent? Why does David want to build God a house? How does God respond (v 11)? How is the whole story of the Bible one of God taking us from a tent to a house, a garden to a city (2 Cor 5:1-9, Jn 14:1-3, Rev 21:22-22:5). How does this give hope, longing, and perseverance?

**Tuesday:** 2 Sam 7:4-11. What reason does God give in vv 6-7 for not having wanted a house? What does this tell you about God’s character (e.g. Ex 33:3, Phil 2:5-8)? Although David’s desire is good (vv 1-3), what is God’s answer (v 5)? God is never controlled by man, even King David, nor does human wisdom dictate God’s (1 Sam 16:6f). Let us then follow James 1:5, and Rom 12:2.

**Wednesday:** 2 Sam 7:9-11. What 2 things has God already done for David (and his people), and what 3 main things does God promise to do? What echoes of Gen 12:1-3 do you find here? How do all these promises spell grace/undeserved favor? Can you see how they are fulfilled in Christ for you (e.g. Ps 89:1-4, Mt 22:42, Heb 4:1)?

**Thursday:** 2 Sam 7:12-17. How many times does “forever” show up here? How does that underline the “new” thing in this covenant? Why, after this promise, *must* there continue to be a king for Israel? Read Psalm 89:20-45 and note the tie between this “forever promise” and God’s steadfast love to his people. How strong is God’s steadfast love to you (Rom 8:29-35)?

**Friday:** 2 Sam 7:1-17. David never saw the temple, or much of what God promised in vv 12-17. We too live in pilgrimage time -we see in part, know the promises in part, but don’t get them fully yet. How does this passage help you endure in wearying times, frustrating times, dry times (v 15, Heb 11:8-16)?

**Saturday:** 2 Sam 7:18-29. How does David respond to God’s covenant promises?