

WELCOME!



Worship  
10:30 am & 5:00 pm

# Morning Worship

August 9, 2020

## Reflections

*This is one of the great principles of life which every page of the Bible emphasizes and illustrates. Men cannot escape God. They go their own way, but that way never sets them free from the authority and the invincible power of God.”*

~ David Guzik

*As each step unfolds, we are called to trust that God knows what he is doing and that he is taking us exactly where he wants us to be (Proverbs 3:5–6). Therefore, we have the choice of either trusting in our own understanding by continuing to try and force our own plans to work, or we can choose to trust God and ask that our desires be transformed into his desires. By his grace, we are empowered to forgo what we once wanted in order to say “Yes” to what he is asking of us now. Through our weakness, he promises to put his glory and strength on display (2 Corinthians 12:9). If we ask him, he will call our attention to all the ways he has provided before. He will remind us that he can be trusted to give us what we need, even if the path may be unclear or uncertain (Hebrews 13:20–21). And no matter where he takes us, he will be with us every step of the way (Isaiah 41:10).*

~ MaryLynn Johnson, Desiring God Ministries

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## Approach to God

## Welcome

## Prelude

## Call to Worship — Psalm 93:1-2 (responsive)

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

**Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.**

**<sup>2</sup>Your throne is established from of old;**

**you are from everlasting.**

# Song of Praise — Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when  
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the  
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and  
 5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

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joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your  
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.  
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.  
 John Darwall, 1770

## Prayer of Invocation

## **Confession of Sin — Proverbs 3:5-8**

- <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.  
<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD and shun evil.  
<sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body  
and nourishment to your bones.

## **Silent Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Pardon — Romans 8:26-30**

- <sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.  
<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.  
<sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

### **Response in Song — I Will Glory in My Redeemer**

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the holy Judge  
The Lamb who is my righteousness  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. my life he bought, my love he owns.  
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me  
My feet are firm held by his grace  
My feet are firm held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when he calls me it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold.  
I will glory... in my redeemer

## Congregational Prayer

### Offering\*

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

### Sermon Text — 2 Samuel 17

Ahithophel said to Absalom, "I would choose twelve thousand men and set out tonight in pursuit of David. <sup>2</sup>I would attack him while he is weary and weak. I would strike him with terror, and then all the people with him will flee. I would strike down only the king <sup>3</sup>and bring all the people back to you. The death of the man you seek will mean the return of all; all the people will be unharmed." <sup>4</sup>This plan seemed good to Absalom and to all the elders of Israel.

<sup>5</sup>But Absalom said, "Summon also Hushai the Arkite, so we can hear what he has to say as well." <sup>6</sup>When Hushai came to him, Absalom said, "Ahithophel has given this advice. Should we do what he says? If not, give us your opinion."

<sup>7</sup>Hushai replied to Absalom, "The advice Ahithophel has given is not good this time. <sup>8</sup>You know your father and his men; they are fighters, and as fierce as a wild bear robbed of her cubs. Besides, your father is an experienced fighter; he will not spend the night with the troops. <sup>9</sup>Even now, he is hidden in a cave or some other place. If he should attack your troops first, whoever hears about it will say, 'There has been a slaughter among the troops who follow Absalom.' <sup>10</sup>Then even the bravest soldier, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt with fear, for all Israel knows that your father is a fighter and that those with him are brave.

<sup>11</sup>"So I advise you: Let all Israel, from Dan to Beersheba—as numerous as the sand on the seashore—be gathered to you, with you yourself leading them into battle. <sup>12</sup>Then we will attack him wherever he may be found, and we will fall on him as dew settles on the ground. Neither he nor any of his men will be left alive. <sup>13</sup>If he withdraws into a city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city, and we will drag it down to the valley until not so much as a pebble is left."

<sup>14</sup>Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The advice of Hushai the Arkite is better than that of Ahithophel." For the LORD had determined to frustrate the

good advice of Ahithophel in order to bring disaster on Absalom.

<sup>15</sup> Hushai told Zadok and Abiathar, the priests, “Ahithophel has advised Absalom and the elders of Israel to do such and such, but I have advised them to do so and so. <sup>16</sup> Now send a message at once and tell David, ‘Do not spend the night at the fords in the wilderness; cross over without fail, or the king and all the people with him will be swallowed up.’”

<sup>17</sup> Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at En Rogel. A female servant was to go and inform them, and they were to go and tell King David, for they could not risk being seen entering the city. <sup>18</sup> But a young man saw them and told Absalom. So the two of them left at once and went to the house of a man in Bahurim. He had a well in his courtyard, and they climbed down into it. <sup>19</sup> His wife took a covering and spread it out over the opening of the well and scattered grain over it. No one knew anything about it.

<sup>20</sup> When Absalom’s men came to the woman at the house, they asked, “Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?”

The woman answered them, “They crossed over the brook.” The men searched but found no one, so they returned to Jerusalem.

<sup>21</sup> After they had gone, the two climbed out of the well and went to inform King David. They said to him, “Set out and cross the river at once; Ahithophel has advised such and such against you.” <sup>22</sup> So David and all the people with him set out and crossed the Jordan. By daybreak, no one was left who had not crossed the Jordan.

<sup>23</sup> When Ahithophel saw that his advice had not been followed, he saddled his donkey and set out for his house in his hometown. He put his house in order and then hanged himself. So he died and was buried in his father’s tomb.

<sup>24</sup> David went to Mahanaim, and Absalom crossed the Jordan with all the men of Israel. <sup>25</sup> Absalom had appointed Amasa over the army in place of Joab. Amasa was the son of Jether, an Ishmaelite who had married Abigail, the daughter of Nahash and sister of Zeruiah the mother of Joab. <sup>26</sup> The Israelites and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead.

<sup>27</sup> When David came to Mahanaim, Shobi son of Nahash from Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Makir son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim <sup>28</sup> brought bedding and bowls and articles of pottery. They also brought wheat and barley, flour and roasted grain, beans and lentils, <sup>29</sup> honey and curds, sheep, and cheese from cows’ milk for David and his people to eat. For they said, “The people have become exhausted and hungry and thirsty in the wilderness.”

## **Sermon — But God Had Ordained...**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

## **Closing Song — Living Hope (page 8)**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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# But God Had Ordained...

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2 Samuel 16

1. But God's Plan (1-14)
2. But God's Protection (15-23)
3. But God's Provision (24-29)

## **Closing Hymn — Living Hope**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness,  
Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave  
has no claim on me (Repeat)

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*



# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Praise God for the healthy birth of Emmalyn Joy Bendy born last week to Jared and Jess Bendy. Pray for the Bendys as they adjust to life as a family of 6 and pray for continued good health and well being of little Emmalyn. Pray that she will come to love the Lord at an early age and love and serve Him all her days.
- Pray that we will be a people who are not wise in our own eyes but trust in God through all things, leaning on Him and His wisdom, and submitting to Him in all things.
- Pray that the Lord will continue to provide for all of our needs, that He will sustain the work of New Hope, and that He will bring about good fruit from the preaching of the Word.
- Pray for our leaders in the government locally, state-wide, and nationally. Pray that God will give wisdom, humbleness, and a healthy fear of their maker as they lead.
- 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, and Colleen Forsee. 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: Foreign missionaries of the OPC. Pray particularly for Ben and Melanie Westerveld in their work at St. Marc's in Quebec City through church building and evangelism.
- Pray for Claire Hall and Kristen Lalley as they prepare to go to the United Kingdom this fall to serve as missionaries. Pray that the Lord will bless the work of their hands.
- Pray for Brad Myers as he serves with RUF at the University of NC at Wilmington.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Joel Poortenga installation**, Joel will be installed as elder next Sunday, August 16th during the worship service.

## **Ways to Help and Support Hannah Vidal and Family:**

- **Home improvement, maintenance, and mowing** - [bit.ly/HannahHouse](https://bit.ly/HannahHouse)  
- The sign-up is a living document, with items being removed as they're finished and new items being added as they crop up. Can you help? If you have handyman or lawn/garden skills, please continue to check the sign-up for new areas to help!
- **Domestic and everyday life helpers** - contact Hannah if you have time to help!
- **Financial support** - [bit.ly/HannahFunds](https://bit.ly/HannahFunds) - Want to help in a tangible way but not able to fix a toilet or seal a driveway? Every donation (minus credit card fees) given through this link goes directly to Hannah to use to support her family in Pete's absence.
- **Emotional support** - [bit.ly/PeteVidalStory](https://bit.ly/PeteVidalStory) - Help Pete's kids have a living memory of who their dad was, even in little, everyday life ways! Did you ever encounter Pete? Would you share a short story about him to his kids? Please take a short video of your story and upload it at this provided link. You can also email the video story or write out a story and send it to Hannah. **(this will only be available until August 16)**

**Note:** Please do not visit Hannah at home before 11am. Contact Elease Layman ([elease.layman@gmail.com](mailto:elease.layman@gmail.com) or 301.767.6848) with any questions.

# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text — 2 Samuel 22:1-2:** David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. <sup>2</sup>He said: “The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

**Westminster Confession 5.1. Of Providence** — God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

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**Monday:** 2 Sam 16:23-17:4. What does 16:23 say about Ahithophel’s advice? What advice does he give to get rid of David? How good was it? If Absalom took this advice, what would it do to David and his kingdom? How do you react/respond/feel when trials, problems, culture, viruses, etc, seem to threaten you, or the church? What did David do in 15:31? Are you praying, and praying honestly to God about such struggles?

**Tuesday:** 2 Sam 17:5-13. How does Hushai counter each of Ahithophel’s points? How does he flatter, cultivate fear, and use flattering language? Is it good counsel? How do you see God’s sovereign power wielded for David and his kingdom in these verses, especially vv 5-6, and 14a (Prov 21:1)? Call to mind examples from your own life of God’s power and plan in tough times.

**Wednesday:** 2 Sam 17:14. What does the narrator explain in 2 Sam 17:14? How would this have helped David if he knew it beforehand? Would it have matured him the same way? How does it help you to know “this” is the point of this story for you to believe? How do you know God’s plan is good even if you don’t understand it (Rom 8:31-39)? What promise is God keeping here (2 Sam 7:13, 16; Dan 7:14)?

**Thursday:** 2 Sam 17:15-20. What is the “tense part” in this section? What is threatened? How do you see God’s protection for the priests’ sons, and more so for David in these verses? How does this trust give you consolation in the midst of perplexity, trial, and struggle (Heb 13:6, Ps 56:11)?

**Friday:** 2 Sam 17:24-29. Who are Shobi son of Nahash (2 Sam 10:2-4), Machir (2 Sam 9:3-5), and Barzillai (2 Sam 19:31-34)? What do they do? Why? How do you see the Lord’s encouragement and consolation for David in his provision through these guys? Don’t overlook God’s small provisions to you -they are designed as markers of his care, reminders of his faithfulness.

**Saturday:** Read 1 Peter 5:1-5. Pray for the installation service (Joel Poortenga as elder), the elders, and the worship service tomorrow.

