

WELCOME!



Worship
9:00 am & 10:30 am

Morning Worship

August 30, 2020

Reflections

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:6-7) It sounds very simple—and it is—but it changes everything. This is the secret to dealing with fears and anxiety. The words of God, and the comfort of the Spirit, become much more obvious when we are repentant and humble before him. No deals—“if you spare me from this suffering then I will . . .” Just simple trust. We trust him because he is God, not because he is going to immediately remove our anxieties or our fear-provoking situation. ~ Ed Welch

But the blessing Christ promised, the blessing of great reward, is a reward of grace. The blessing is promised even though it is not earned. Augustine said it this way: Our rewards in heaven are a result of God’s crowning His own gifts. ~ RC Sproul

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — 1 Peter 1:3-9 (responsive)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! **According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,** ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶**In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,** ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸**Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,** ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise — There is a Fountain

Capo 1: ♯ (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) ♯ (D) (A) (E)

1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,

(A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E⁷) (A)

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains:
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:
 till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:

(E⁷) (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E)

lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way:
 • and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
 when si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;
 be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;

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Song of Praise — 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)

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Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Scripture Reading — Matthew 25:21, 34

²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

New Members — John & Patrice Jastrzembki
(9:00 am service) See bio on page 11

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,***

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**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; t he 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

Congregational Prayer

Offering*

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org
click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Sermon Text — 2 Samuel 19:8-43

And all the people came before the king. Now Israel had fled every man to his own home. ⁹And all the people were arguing throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king delivered us from the hand of our enemies and saved us from the hand of the Philistines, and now he has fled out of the land from Absalom. ¹⁰But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?"

¹¹And King David sent this message to Zadok and Abiathar the priests: "Say to the elders of Judah, 'Why should you be the last to bring the king back to his house, when the word of all Israel has come to the king? ¹²You are my brothers; you are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?' ¹³And say to Amasa, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if you are not commander of my army from now on in place of Joab.'" ¹⁴And he swayed the heart of all the men of Judah as one man, so that they sent word to the king, "Return, both you and all your servants." ¹⁵So the king came back to the Jordan, and Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring the king over the Jordan.

¹⁶And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, from Bahurim, hurried to come down with the men of Judah to meet King David. ¹⁷And with him were a thousand men from Benjamin. And Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, with his fifteen sons and his twenty servants, rushed down to the Jordan before the king, ¹⁸and they crossed the ford to bring over the king's household and to do his pleasure. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was about to cross the Jordan, ¹⁹and said to the king, "Let not my lord hold me guilty or remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem. Do not let the king take it to heart.

²⁰For your servant knows that I have sinned. Therefore, behold, I have come this day, the first of all the house of Joseph to come down to meet my lord the king." ²¹Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?" ²²But David said, "What have I to do with you, you

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sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be as an adversary to me? Shall anyone be put to death in Israel this day? For do I not know that I am this day king over Israel?"²³ And the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king gave him his oath.²⁴ And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. He had neither taken care of his feet nor trimmed his beard nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came back in safety.²⁵ And when he came to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?"²⁶ He answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me, for your servant said to him, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go with the king.' For your servant is lame."²⁷ He has slandered your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is like the angel of God; do therefore what seems good to you.²⁸ For all my father's house were but men doomed to death before my lord the king, but you set your servant among those who eat at your table. What further right have I, then, to cry to the king?"²⁹ And the king said to him, "Why speak any more of your affairs? I have decided: you and Ziba shall divide the land."³⁰ And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Oh, let him take it all, since my lord the king has come safely home."³¹ Now Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim, and he went on with the king to the Jordan, to escort him over the Jordan.³² Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. He had provided the king with food while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man.³³ And the king said to Barzillai, "Come over with me, and I will provide for you with me in Jerusalem."³⁴ But Barzillai said to the king, "How many years have I still to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?"³⁵ I am this day eighty years old. Can I discern what is pleasant and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats or what he drinks? Can I still listen to the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?"³⁶ Your servant will go a little way over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king repay me with such a reward?"³⁷ Please let your servant return, that I may die in my own city near the grave of my father and my mother. But here is your servant Chimham. Let him go over with my lord the king, and do for him whatever seems good to you."³⁸ And the king answered, "Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do for him whatever seems good to you, and all that you desire of me I will do for you."³⁹ Then all the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over. And the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his own home.⁴⁰ The king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him. All the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel, brought the king on his way.⁴¹ Then all the men of Israel came to the king and said to the king, "Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away and brought the king and his household over the Jordan, and all David's men with him?"⁴² All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is our close relative. Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's expense? Or has he given us any gift?"⁴³ And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, "We have ten shares in the king, and in David also we have more than you. Why then did you despise us? Were we not the first to speak of bringing back our king?" But the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

Sermon — Restore the King!

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Song — God, You Are My God (Psalm 61 & 63)
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Hear my cry O God,
Listen to my prayer, as I call to you
My heart grows faint
Let me find my refuge in You,
let me dwell with You

Pre-Chorus

Because Your love is better than life
My soul is satisfied (CHORUS)

Chorus

*God, You are my God
Let me seek you, and thirst for You
Let my lips praise your name
For I have seen You, in your Glory
Lord let my soul find rest, in You*

You uphold me O God
You have heard my prayer, You have been my help
In the Shadow of your wings
I will sing to you and I will lift up my hands
(pre-chorus)

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Give thanks that John & Patrice Jastrzembki have joined New Hope. Pray that they will be well-grafted into the body and that their gifts will be used to help further the Kingdom.
- Pray for the leaders of our country on the national, state, and local levels. Pray for godly wisdom, for strength, and for integrity.
- Give thanks that we have a God who not only spares us from the wrath that we deserve, but restores us, and makes us His heirs. Pray that the Holy Spirit will remind us of this daily as we walk in light of His word.
- Pray for those who struggle with fear that God will give grace to help them walk daily in light of his goodness and mercy, trusting Him, not giving in to the fear.
- Pray for our session that they will eagerly shepherd the flock, being good examples to them, as they lead and oversee them.
- Pray for those who are expecting: Katie Poortenga (who is having twins), 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.
- Pray for the churches in Frederick that they will preach the truth that is only found in God's word. Pray against those who twist and change the Word to suit their purposes.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month: Foreign missionaries of the OPC. Pray particularly for those who serve in countries where sharing the gospel or meeting for worship are not allowed.
- Give thanks that Luke Hake arrived safely in Mexico and that the Lord will prosper his time studying at Radius International.
- Pray that the Lord will bless Claire Hall and Kristen Lalley as they prepare to go to the United Kingdom this fall to serve as missionaries. Pray for Brad Myers as he serves with RUF at the University of NC at Wilmington. Pray especially for the student leaders as they focus more on small group and one to one ministry due to restrictions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Information for Fall, as we look ahead to the fall, we have the following information for you:

- **Sunday School**, currently there are no Sunday school classes during the fall semester for children or adults. (There is a very good possibility of offering an adults only, in person class at some point but not immediately). While we considered providing some virtual Sunday school lessons, the edification committee decided to provide you with resources that you can use for your family that are free and very good.
 - Ligonier Ministries, you can find many free resources and teaching series at Ligonier.com.
 - Great Commissions Publications, the ministry that provides our children's Sunday school curriculum has resources for parents that are either free or for charge at gcp.org
 - Another option for children would be to use some of the Sunday school curriculum we have on file at the church. If you are interested in something, please contact Giny in the office.
- **Worship Services**, as long as weather permits, we will continue to hold two worship services:
 - 9:00 am service, outdoors on the lower parking lot under a tent. This service will run until 10:00 am and will be "mask optional." We ask that people continue to social distance during worship.
 - 10:30 am service, indoors and livestreamed. This service will be the usual service and will continue to require masks.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study**, will continue to zoom this Bible study.
- **Saturday Children's Message**, every Saturday at 4:00 pm, Pastor Francis does a Children's Church message on Facebook live.
- **Youth Activities**, there are plans to do a youth retreat in the fall as well as other activities. Stay tuned for details.

Session meeting, the next session meeting is scheduled for September 1st at 7:00 pm.

Info for Luke Hake, if you are interested in learning more about the ministry, Luke Hake is participating in, Radius International, you can check out www.radiusinternational.org



John & Patrice Jastrzembski

John and Patrice Jastrzembski moved to Frederick a year ago, shortly after John retired as a Professor of Forestry and the Science Division Chair at Allegany College of Maryland. John is now working as a consultant for Davey Tree. Patrice is a former science and geography teacher, journalist, caterer, and homeschool Mom. Their three grown children reside in: Alexandria, VA; Charlotte, NC; and Loveland, CO. They love to hike, kayak, and travel together. For the past 13 years their church family has been Faith PCA Church in LaVale, MD. They are looking forward to building new relationships at New Hope OPC.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — 2 Samuel 22:5: ⁴I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. ⁵**“For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of destruction assailed me...**

Westminster Confession 33.3 As Christ would have us be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment to deter all men from sin, and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity. He will also have that day unknown to men that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they do not know at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, Amen.

Monday: 2 Samuel 19:9-15. What has David done that makes his return fitting (v 9)? What has he done that makes it unlikely (9b)? What have the people done that complicated it (10)? How does David bind together both parties? The main point is to bring back, or restore God’s anointed king. Is Jesus, God true anointed king, central to your life (2 Cor 5:20, Rom 12:1f, Heb 13:15f)? Are you *living* for him? Consider Mephibosheth’s love for the king in v 30.

Tuesday: 2 Sam 19:16-23. What has Shimei done (16:6-8)? What actions and what words does he use to persuade David to forget his actions? Do you think he is sincere? How does the restored king treat him (22-23)? What message would this communicate to all Absalom’s supporters? How does the True King deal with cursers, sinners (Rom 8:32, 2 Cor 5:18-19)? What does this say about God’s character? Do you believe this?

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 19:24-30. What had Ziba told David about Mephibosheth (16:3ff)? What is Mephibosheth’s verbal and visual reply (25ff)? Why might David have given Ziba half of the land? Why Mephibosheth? Was this just? How does David’s *restoring* of lame Mephibosheth hint at Jesus’ restoring broken sinners both now (Eph 2:12-19), and finally (1 Pet 5:10, Rev 21:1-4)?

Thursday: 2 Samuel 19:31-40. What had Barzillai done for David? How does David seek to reciprocate (vv 32, 33)? Consider how Jesus rewards faithful followers, even though such reward is not earned (we’re just doing what we’re supposed to): v 36, Mt 25:34-40, Luke 6:35-38. How is this an encouragement to you to be faithful even when it is not noticed or appreciated? What does such reward tell you about God’s character?

Friday: 2 Sam 19:41-43. David is not restored as king over all Israel. But what do vv 41-43 reveal? How real is such turmoil in your church, in your home, in your life? Do you tend to fake, break, or make peace? What does this ongoing turmoil leave you longing for (Rev 22:20)? Live in light of that day (2 Pet 3:11-14)!

Saturday: What is the cost of breaking covenant according to 2 Samuel 21?