

WELCOME!



Worship  
9:00 am & 10:30 am

# Morning Worship

September 20, 2020

## Reflections

*We need...reminders about God's goodness. We are programmed to focus on what we don't have, bombarded multiple times throughout the day with what we need to buy that will make us feel happier or sexier or more at peace. This dissatisfaction transfers over to our thinking about God. We forget that we already have everything we need in Him. Because we don't often think about the reality of who God is, we quickly forget that He is worthy to be worshipped and loved.*

~ Francis Chan

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship — Psalm 50:4-5, 14-15, 23

(responsive)

**<sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth....:**

**<sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"**

**<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High,**

**<sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."**

**<sup>23</sup> The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;  
to one who orders his way rightly  
I will show the salvation of God!"**

### Prayer of Adoration

# Hymn of Praise — A Mighty Fortress

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

## **Confession of Sin — Psalm 51:1-4 (in unison)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.

## **Assurance of Pardon — Jeremiah 31:33-34**

<sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

## **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](http://www.newhopeopc.org) and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

## Sermon Text — 2 Samuel 22:1-51

And David spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day 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 and my fortress and my deliverer,

<sup>3</sup> my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge,  
my savior; you save me from violence.

<sup>4</sup> I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

<sup>5</sup> “For the waves of death encompassed me,  
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

<sup>6</sup> the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>7</sup> “In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called.

From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry came to his ears.

<sup>8</sup> “Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations of the heavens trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.

<sup>9</sup> Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

<sup>10</sup> He bowed the heavens and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.

<sup>11</sup> He rode on a cherub and flew; he was seen on the wings of the wind.

<sup>12</sup> He made darkness around him his canopy,  
thick clouds, a gathering of water.

<sup>13</sup> Out of the brightness before him coals of fire flamed forth.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered his voice.

<sup>15</sup> And he sent out arrows and scattered them; lightning, and routed them.

<sup>16</sup> Then the channels of the sea were seen;  
the foundations of the world were laid bare,

at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

<sup>17</sup> “He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters.

<sup>18</sup> He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me,  
for they were too mighty for me.

<sup>19</sup> They confronted me in the day of my calamity,  
but the LORD was my support.

<sup>20</sup> He brought me out into a broad place;  
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

<sup>21</sup> “The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness;  
according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.

<sup>22</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD  
and have not wickedly departed from my God.

<sup>23</sup> For all his rules were before me,  
and from his statutes I did not turn aside.

<sup>24</sup> I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt.

<sup>25</sup> And the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness,  
according to my cleanness in his sight.

<sup>26</sup> “With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;

<sup>27</sup> with the purified you deal purely,  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

<sup>28</sup> You save a humble people,

but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
29 For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness.  
30 For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
31 This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.  
32 “For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
33 This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless.  
34 He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.  
35 He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.  
36 You have given me the shield of your salvation,  
and your gentleness made me great.  
37 You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip;  
38 I pursued my enemies and destroyed them,  
and did not turn back until they were consumed.  
39 I consumed them; I thrust them through, so that they did not rise;  
they fell under my feet.  
40 For you equipped me with strength for the battle;  
you made those who rise against me sink under me.  
41 You made my enemies turn their backs to me,  
those who hated me, and I destroyed them.  
42 They looked, but there was none to save;  
they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.  
43 I beat them fine as the dust of the earth;  
I crushed them and stamped them down like the mire of the streets.  
44 “You delivered me from strife with my people;  
you kept me as the head of the nations;  
people whom I had not known served me.  
45 Foreigners came cringing to me;  
as soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me.  
46 Foreigners lost heart and came trembling out of their fortresses.  
47 “The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,  
and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation,  
48 the God who gave me vengeance  
and brought down peoples under me,  
49 who brought me out from my enemies;  
you exalted me above those who rose against me;  
you delivered me from men of violence.  
50 “For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,  
and sing praises to your name.  
51 Great salvation he brings to his king,  
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,  
to David and his offspring forever.”

## Sermon — The Lord is Worthy to be Praised

~ Dr. John Wise

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# **The Lord is Worthy to be Praised**

2 Samuel 22:1-51

1. I Will Call Upon the LORD
2. Who is Worthy to be Praised
3. So Shall I be Saved from My Enemies

## **Closing Song — In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, what strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone!—who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied—  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

**Missions Moment — Claire Hall, 20Schemes**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Give thanks and praise for the healthy birth of Thomas James who was born last Saturday to Jacob & Lauren Mendez. Pray for the family as they welcome this precious child into their family and care for him. Pray that little Thomas will grow to love the Lord and desire to serve Him through his life.
- Pray for the neighbors of John & Monica Laird who recently lost an 18 year old son to suicide. Pray for the Lairds as they love, care, and minister to this family through this awful time.
- Pray for John and Farrah Wise as John's internship with New Hope soon comes to an end and as they seek to discern where the Lord would want them to serve Him and His church. Pray for safety and discernment as they travel to Nevada to candidate at an OPC church there Sept 26-Oct 6.
- Give thanks for the recent engagement of Hannah Willman to Tyler Beck. Pray that the Lord will bless their marriage and all the preparations leading up to it.
- 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), 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: Christopher Burden, 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.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Claire Hall, who will be heading to Scotland with 20Schemes soon. Pray that her visa application would be accepted and her funding needs would be fully met so that she can leave for Scotland on November 1st.
- Pray for Kristen Lalley as she prepares to head to England soon. Pray particularly for her visa process and favor with all immigration offices involved. Pray, too, that she will find a good housing situation!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fellowship Picnic,** Come and join us for an outdoor church picnic on Sunday, TODAY directly following the 10:30a.m. service! We will enjoy fellowship with each other in the lower parking lot. We are asking everyone to bring their own lunch and drinks. Feel free to also bring your own chairs and tents. The church will be setting up some tables and chairs as well.

**YOUTH RETREAT!** We have scheduled a retreat for our Middle and High School students from Friday, October 30th thru Sunday morning, November 1st! We will be going to the Ligonier Camp and Conference Center in Ligonier, PA. Our speaker for the weekend will be Pastor Dan Adams (previous pastoral intern at New Hope). Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We are looking for adults who are interested in chaperoning, driving, and/or planning for this retreat. Please contact Farrah Wise via e-mail, [farrah.wise@comcast.net](mailto:farrah.wise@comcast.net), or phone/text, 240-286-4408, to discuss any assistance you might be willing to give, as well as if you have any questions.

**Help Wanted,** the Board of Trustees is seeking someone in the congregation who could provide insight and knowledge in regards to employee benefits and salary recommendations. If you have working knowledge in these personnel matters, please contact Lance Duvall at 240-818-7317.

**Missionary of the Month info,** You can sign up for Claire Hall's weekly update and learn more about her work with 20schemes at <https://claire20schemes.com>.

**Walk for Life...virtually!** Join on September 27th from 1-2pm for Care Net Frederick's virtual Walk for Life! You can walk by yourself or gather a small group of family and friends to raise money for life. The staff at Care Net Frederick will be walking with you on Facebook live September 27th at 1pm. Praise God that Care Net has been able to serve clients in the community over the past few months. Now, more than ever, Care Net needs your support to maintain these services and meet the needs of women, men, and families in Frederick County.

For more information or to donate you can visit the Care Net Frederick Page on Facebook or visit Care Net Frederick's website: <https://carenetfrederick.org/walk-for-life>

(If you would rather write a check and mail it in, that is okay too. Please put Walk for Life 2020 in the memo line, and if applicable the name of the person you are sponsoring).

**CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT,** Seth Jernigan is organizing an outdoor fall concert at New Hope with award winning Top 10 Billboard CCM artist

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Singer-songwriter Jason Gray. Jason is currently signed under Centricity alongside Lauren Daigle, Jordan Feliz and Andrew Peterson. He has toured with names such as Michael W. Smith, Steven Curtis Chapman, Third Day, Andrew Peterson, and so many more! He has written five “top 5” radio singles including “Good to be Alive”, and “Sparrows”. Seth will also be opening for Jason in this concert!

The Concert will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm! Tickets start at \$20, but New Hope members will receive an exclusive discount on tickets! There will be fall drinks like hot cocoa and cider, and yummy baked goods! Bring a chair or blanket, your family, and some friends!! Contact Seth for more details! 240.578.5297

- Concert Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/366019394571129>
- Ticket site (on sale Friday at noon): <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4756841>

# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text** — 2 Samuel 22:4 “I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.”

**Westminster Shorter Catechism** Q.26. How does Christ execute the office of a king? *A. Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.*

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**Monday:** 2 Sam 22:1–4. David is using metaphors that have practical meaning for his life when referring to the LORD in this passage. These are ways that God had revealed Himself to David in the outworking of his life. How has the LORD revealed Himself to you? What are some biblical metaphors for God that have special significance in your life?

**Tuesday:** 2 Samuel 22:5–20. Remember that this is not just or even primarily David, the man, writing these words but this is David, the Anointed One, to whom the promises were made by God of a son to reign on the throne forever. How does this passage relate to Christ in the time of His humiliation? Did the Father deliver Him from all His troubles? Give thanks and praise for the Son of David who endured the cross for you and all His people.

**Wednesday:** 2 Sam 22:21–31. This is David the prophet, declaring the work of God in his life. David sees himself as the LORD sees him... righteous, clean, blameless. This is the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of His people. He is the One who unites us to Christ and His atoning blood that washes us clean from all our guilt. Give praise to the Spirit for His work in your life today. Do you see yourself as David declares himself?

**Thursday:** 2 Sam 22:32–43. This description of triumph over enemies may be difficult for us today to read and relate to it. Who and/or what are the real enemies we face? How does the LORD enable you to overcome them? Remember this when you are in conflict with another that God has made the way of salvation for the enemies of His people.

**Friday:** 2 Sam 22:44–51. David could declare this in part, but how does this point us forward to the greater Davidic King Jesus? Give thanks to God for giving you a King that has overcome His enemies. Remember that you, too were once His enemy that He has subdued in love. He alone is worthy of your praise and honor.

**Saturday:** Read 2 Sam 23:1–7. How does this promise made to David bring assurance and comfort for you?