

Worship 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Morning Worship

October 4, 2020

Reflection

It should be hard to boast when standing at the foot of the cross.

By and large, our thanksgiving seems to be tied rather tightly to our material well-being and comfort. The unvarnished truth is that what we most frequently give thanks for betrays what we most highly value. If a large percentage of our thanksgiving is for material prosperity, it is because we value material prosperity proportionately.

~ D. A. Carson

Perhaps self-dependence – and forgetting the strength to be found in Christ-dependence – is always our biggest blind spot.

~ Jack Miller

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 111:1-4 (responsive)

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

- ² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise — Greater than We Can Imagine

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name
And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell
On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate
And of Your awesome power we will tell
We'll speak of Your salvation and Your abundant goodness

CHORUS

Because You are greater than we can imagine You are too beautiful for us to fathom Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised

Every generation shall sing Your worth
And magnify Your mercy and Your grace
We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth
To bear the sins of those He came to save
You fill our hearts with wonder, we'll worship You forever

Confession of Sin

1 Corinthians 4:7

⁷ For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

1 Corinthians 6:20

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Assurance of Pardon — Matthew 20:25-28

²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Response in Song — I Will Boast in the Cross

God did not call us because we were wise, Or gifted with riches and might. His chosen ones are the weak in this world, Who hope in his all saving name, That he might receive all the praise.

So I will boast in the cross of Christ And I will glory in Jesus and his sacrifice. I will boast in the cross of Christ. It is the power, it is the wisdom of God And my great ransom, the cross of Christ.

Great is the myst'ry of God's sovereign ways That flow from the depths of his grace. That he would give up his one precious Son To bear all the cost of my sin, Is a wonder I can't comprehend.

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 — 2 Samuel 23:8-38

⁸ These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Joshebbasshebeth a Tahchemonite; he was chief of the three. He wielded his spear against eight hundred whom he killed at one time.

⁹And next to him among the three mighty men was Eleazar the son of Dodo, son of Ahohi. He was with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel withdrew. ¹⁰He rose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And the LORD brought about a great victory that day, and the men returned after him only to strip the slain.

¹¹ And next to him was Shammah, the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines gathered together at Lehi, where there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the men fled from the Philistines. ¹² But he took his stand in the midst of the plot and defended it and struck down the Philistines, and

the LORD worked a great victory.

¹³ And three of the thirty chief men went down and came about harvest time to David at the cave of Adullam, when a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. ¹⁴ David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. ¹⁵ And David said longingly, "Oh, that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!" ¹⁶ Then the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate and carried and brought it to David. But he would not drink of it. He poured it out to the LORD ¹⁷ and said, "Far be it from me, O LORD, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went at the risk of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

¹⁸ Now Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of the thirty. And he wielded his spear against three hundred men and killed them and won a name beside the three. ¹⁹ He was the most renowned of the thirty and became their commander, but he did not attain to the three.

²⁰ And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was a valiant man of Kabzeel, a doer of great deeds. He struck down two ariels of Moab. He also went down and struck down a lion in a pit on a day when snow had fallen. ²¹ And he struck down an Egyptian, a handsome man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but Benaiah went down to him with a staff and snatched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear. ²² These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and won a name beside the three mighty men. ²³ He was renowned among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three. And David set him over his bodyguard.

²⁴ Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, ²⁵ Shammah of Harod, Elika of Harod, ²⁶ Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh of Tekoa, ²⁷ Abiezer of Anathoth, Mebunnai the Hushathite, ²⁸ Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai of Netophah, ²⁹ Heleb the son of Baanah of Netophah, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the people of Benjamin, ³⁰ Benaiah of Pirathon, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, ³¹ Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaveth of Bahurim, ³² Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the

sons of Jashen, Jonathan, ³³ Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite, ³⁴ Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai of Maacah, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, ³⁵ Hezro of Carmel, Paarai the Arbite, ³⁶ Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, ³⁷ Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai of Beeroth, the armor-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, ³⁸ Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, ³⁹ Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

Sermon — David's Mighty Men

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Response in Song — When I Survey the Wonderous Cross (page 8)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Everyone should have a prepackaged bread and juice. It is not gluten free. If you do not have a prepacked container, please raise your hand at this time to allow the elders to come serve you.

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

David's Mighty Men

2 Samuel 23:8-38

Hymn of Response — When I Survey the Wonderous Cross



COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Praise God for the healthy births of Elisha and Josiah to Joel & Katie Poortenga born last Friday and Leeran Ebenezer to Pete & Colleen Forsee on Thursday. Give thanks that all are doing well and for God's goodness to this family. Pray that these boys will come to know the Lord at an early age and will serve Him all their days.
- Pray for Pastor Francis as he is away this week for study leave. Pray for good fruit to come from this time of study and accountability.
- Pray that we will be a people who are Christ-dependent, reliant on His strength and wisdom and not our own.
- Pray for those who serve with our military particularly the reformed chaplains. Pray for their safety as they give of themselves for our country.
- Pray for our session that they will eagerly shepherd the flock, being good examples to them, as they lead and oversee them.
- Pray for our nation and the unrest that is taking place. Pray that through these difficulties people will turn toward God and understand the hope that is only found in the saving work of Jesus Christ.
- 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.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with those around us: our neighbors, co-workers, friends, and acquaintances. Pray for boldness, winsomeness, and a deep compassion for those who do not know the Lord.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month, the Frederick Rescue Mission.
 Pray that through this mission the love of Christ will be evident as they give food to the hungry, supply clothing and furniture to those in need, provide residential recovery programs to those experiencing homelessness or chemical addition, and help connect the community through relationships.
- Claire Hall, who will be heading to Scotland with 20Schemes November 1st. Pray that she will be able to sort through and handle all the details leading up to her departure.
- Pray for Kristen Lalley as she prepares to head to England soon.
 Pray, too, for Brad Myers as he serves at UNC in Wilmington through RUF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EXTRA COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY,** A brief communion service for those who have not been attending worship due to Covid concerns will be offered this Sunday at 1:00. Weather permitting, this will occur outside under the tent. In the event of bad weather it will be held in the sanctuary. While open to anyone, this is intended to serve those who due to health or age related concerns have not been attending the worship services at the church building. Pastor Francis and another elder will be serving.
- PASTOR FRANCIS AWAY, Pastor Francis will be away beginning Monday for Covenant 3 for a week and then will be going on vacation with his family the following week. He will return October 17th. If you have a pastoral need, please contact John Wise at johnwise@newhopeopc.org or your shepherding elder.
- **SESSION MEETING,** Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 am until noon at New Hope.
- **PRAYER CHAIN**, New Hope has an email prayer chain for the immediate needs of our church family. If you would like to join the list so you can pray for those needs email Sharon Kinna at <u>sjkinna@comcast.net</u> to be added. If you have a prayer request please email Sharon or call her at 301.271.7296.
- LADIES' NIGHT OUT is Thursday, October 15 at 7:00pm in Heather Wiley's backyard! Join us around the fire for our final LNO of 2020 as we fellowship and toast s'mores, social-distance-style at 6 Norva Ave, Frederick. Please bring your own chair and beverage of choice. S'more ingredients will be provided. Masks are optional for this outdoor event. Depending on attendance, we may rotate who is sitting nearest the fire, so dressing in layers is encouraged! If attending, RSVP to Elease Layman at elease.layman@gmail.com or 301.767.6848.
- YOUTH RETREAT! Participation and other release forms were sent with the Friday news, and are available at the Usher's table! Forms and funds are due NEXT SUNDAY, October 13th!! Please turn these forms into Farrah (mailbox is fine) or the church office. Please contact Farrah Wise via e-mail, farrah.wise@comcast.net, or phone/text, 240-286-4408, with any questions.

CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT, Seth Jernigan is organizing an out-door fall concert at New Hope with award winning Top 10 Bill-board CCM artist 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 16th 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 23:5 ⁵ "For does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

Westminster Shorter Catechism 26 How doth Christ execute the office of a king? *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.*

Monday: Read Hannah's prophecy in 1 Sam 2:6-10. How does 2 Sam 23:8-39 fulfill that, especially in light of David's meager beginning? How does this parallel Christ's life? Think about the beauty of Christ's condescension for your sake (1 Cor 8:9). How is God's power in David's and Christ's life produce both hope and humility (James 1:9-10, 1 Pet 5:6)?

Tuesday: 2 Sam 23:8-12. Consider the mighty feats these guys pulled off! They spent themselves for the kingdom. Although we may not pull of such mighty feats, we are called to spend ourselves for our King. How do you lay down your life for the King (James 2:8, Phil 2:3, Mt 10:42)? In all these things, who gets the glory according to 2 Sam 23:10, 12?

Wednesday: 2 Sam 23:13-17. Does David command his men to get the water? What does it say about their power, and relationship to David that they did it? What does David do with the water? Why? How does that honor the men? If David's men so loved him, how should Christ's love for us move us to spend ourselves for him, or even work more faithfully in the mundane?

Thursday: 2 Sam 23:20-23. What parallels do you see between Benaiah and David (with Goliath, 1 Sam 17:41-51)? How do you think David's example inspired his troops? Do you seek to actively be patterned after Christ (Lk 6:40, 41-49, Mt 10:25)?

Friday: Why do you think the chapter ends with Uriah (2 Sam 23:39)? What does Uriah's inclusion in The Thirty tell you about his and David's relationship? What does it remind you about David and his qualifications for kingship? What does it tell you about his and your need for continued grace to forgive and change (Ps 51)?

Saturday: Read 2 Sam 24. How does this make a fitting end of 2 Samuel?