

WELCOME!



Worship  
10:30 am  
12:00 noon



# Morning Worship

April 4, 2021

## Reflections

*The Christian does not have a dead hope. We have a living hope. Ours is a living hope only because its foundation is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The fact that Jesus was raised to life two thousand years ago gives us an unshakable conviction that our hope is not in vain. His resurrection vindicates Him as the Lord of creation who is even now making all things new (Rev. 21:5). ~ R.C. Sproul*

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship — Matthew 16:13, 16-17; 26:75, 27:45-46, 50

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

<sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

### Opening Prayer

## Resurrection Hope — Luke 24:1-12 (responsive in bold)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>**but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.** <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, **“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”** <sup>6</sup>**He is not here, but has risen.** Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; **stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.**

## Songs of Praise — Worship Christ the Risen King

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.  
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:  
3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;  
4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;  
5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.  
“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”  
• all hell’s minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.  
but the truth proclaims a wonderful thought: full hearts receive with cheer.  
sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

F Bb7 Eb F Cm Dm Cm Gm Bb F7 Bb 7  
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!  
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!  
 • He has con - quered, he has con - quered, Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!  
 He is ris - en, he is ris - en, now re - ceive the ris - en King!  
 Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph, wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!

### **Christ Our Only Hope in Life and Death**

What is our hope in life and death  
 Christ alone, Christ alone  
 What is our only confidence  
 That our souls to Him belong  
 Who holds our days within His hand  
 What comes, apart from His command  
 And what will keep us to the end  
 The love of Christ, in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah, Our hope springs eternal  
 O sing hallelujah, Now and ever we confess  
 Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
 God is good, God is good  
 Where is His grace and goodness known  
 In our great Redeemer's blood  
 Who holds our faith when fears arise  
 Who stands above the stormy trial  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
 Unto the shore, the rock of Christ (chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing Christ,  
 He lives, Christ, He lives  
 And what reward will heaven bring  
 Everlasting life with Him  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord  
 Then sin and death will be destroyed  
 And we will feast in endless joy  
 When Christ is ours forevermore (chorus)

# Christ the Lord is Risen Today



1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - - le - lu - ia!



sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - - le - lu - ia!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!



sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

## Children's Message ~ Dr. John Wise

### Congregational Prayer

**Offering\*** Deuteronomy 8:18 — <sup>18</sup> You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

*\*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 — 1 Peter 1:3**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed 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...

## **Sermon — New Hope's Living Hope**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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## **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 Hymn — Living Hope (page 9)**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

# **New Hope's Living Hope**

1 Peter 1:3



## **Closing Song — 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**

- Pray for John Wise and his family as they leave to head to Nevada this coming Saturday. Pray for protection as they travel, for the new relationships they will form, and for grace to go through the transition.
- Praise God that 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.
- Give thanks that Ron Oakes came through his surgery for trigger finger well. Pray that he will continue to enjoy a good recovery.
- Continue to pray for Dennis Caruso and his family as they grieve the loss of Dennis' mom, Julia. Pray for peace and for grace to endure the sorrow.
- Pray for OPC general secretaries John Shaw, Mark Bube, and Danny Olinger who contracted covid-19 and are at various stages of recovery. Give thanks that all are doing well.
- Pray for those who are struggling with anxiety and/or depression. Pray that the Lord will minister to them through His word and His people to bring comfort and help.
- Pray for the other couples from New Hope who are preparing to marry: Emily Howard/Leo Zavala and Caleb Mason/Joanna Wichern.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Jen William's brother, Mike, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, Scott Innes, Kim Hanlin's father, John & Muriel Hadidian's daughter-in-law, 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 missions that we support financially: CareNet Pregnancy Center, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and the Frederick Rescue Mission. Pray that God will continue to provide for all their needs.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel in the community, with our neighbors, and those we work with. Pray that hearts and minds will be turned toward Christ.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missions of the month — the foreign missions of the OPC. Pray particularly that the Lord would raise up additional missionary evangelists for Haiti, Uganda, and Uruguay.
- Pray for Benny & Liesl Boyed as they serve with Pastor Pramod and his wife Rama in Nepal. Pray for open doors and open heart for the gospel in Martadi and in the surrounding villages. Pray that they will be wise to know God's will and strong to do it, moment by moment.
- Pray for Brad and Lucy Myers as they wrap up their time in Wilmington with RUF. Pray for them as they look for jobs in the Wilmington area as they plan to stay there.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Important Dates to Know:

- Session Meeting, April 6, 7:30 pm
- Wed Night youth meeting, April 7, 6:30 pm
- Wed Night zoom Bible study, April 7, 6:45 pm
- Wise family departs for Nevada, April 10
- Ladies' Night Out, April 15th at Ann Burden's home at 7:00 pm.
- Trustee Meeting, April 20, 7:30 pm

**Ladies' Night Out is back!** - Ladies, please join us for a casual gathering at Ann Burden's patio at 7:00pm, Thursday, April 15. Some waters and light dessert will be provided, but feel free to BYOB and BYODessert, too! There will be some chairs available but you may want to bring your own in case of a high turn-out. Masking is not required. Ann lives at 4408 Noah Ct, Mt. Airy, MD. Are you interested in hosting our May 20th LNO on YOUR deck or patio? If so, contact Elease Layman ([elease.layman@gmail.com](mailto:elease.layman@gmail.com)).

**Research Team for Long-Term Maintenance Fund** - With the creation of the new long-term maintenance fund, New Hope took a step in the right direction to prepare for big maintenance expenses. Now, the Board of Trustees is seeking help to set guidelines for this fund's use and growth. To do that, we need lots of research done on specific maintenance projects and costs, equipment and facility lifespans, and so forth. Best-fit helpers might have knowledge of maintenance, skills with data/spreadsheets, and/or just a general willingness to call various vendors to get quotes. Do you have one of these skills and time to serve New Hope in this way? Please contact Elease Layman ([elease.layman@gmail.com](mailto:elease.layman@gmail.com)) for more information.

**New Members**, Bruce & Susan Johnson were interviewed for membership by the session and will be officially joining New Hope on April 18th!

**Ladies' Bible Study.** Our first meeting, since a long hiatus, is this coming Wednesday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. in Sunday School room #3. This meeting will be a time for prayer, and for a review of our previous studies of *Extravagant Grace, God's Glory Displayed in our Weakness* by Barbara Duguid. We will discuss Chapter 7 of the book on April 14. New ladies are welcome. We will observe face-masking and social distancing, although this is subject to change based on local Covid infection rates and vaccination status of participants. Bring a brown bag lunch if you would like to stay after the meeting for a social time. Please call Jackie Plowman if you have any questions.

**Stay Tuned!**, as things continue to open up and more are coming to church activities, we have many areas of ministry opportunity for the people of New Hope. Stay tuned for details that are coming soon!

# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Verse** — <sup>3</sup> Blessed 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...

**Heidelberg Catechism 45:** What does the “resurrection” of Christ profit us? *First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, that he might make us partakers of that righteousness which he had purchased for us by his death; secondly, we are also by his power raised up to a new life; and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.*

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**Monday:** Consider why Peter so delights in God’s mercy, and praises God in 1 Pet 1:3-5. Look back over Peter’s hope-despair story by reading Mt 16:13, 16-17, 26:75, 27:45-46, 50, and John 21:15. What is your despair-hope story? Will you join Peter in praising God for his great mercy?

**Tuesday:** 1 Pet 1:3. Define hope. Reflect on today’s society -for what hope do they long to make the world better? What ways do they think that hope can be brought about? What do they get right? Why is their solution limited? How does a risen, powerful Savior offer a better, truer hope?

**Wednesday:** Contrast “living hope” with “dead hope” to get at what Peter means in 1 Pet 1:3. What hope does Easter, or the resurrection, cause us to be born anew into (1 Cor 15:16-24)? Because it is rooted in the Risen’s Christ’s work (which continues), it is “living.” What other aspects of this hope are found in 1 Pet 1:4-6?

**Thursday:** 1 Pet 1:3. According to Rom 6:3-8, how does the resurrection bring us into this living hope? In Christ what is our new status (Rom 4:22-25)? What is our new relationship (Rom 8:14-16)? What is our new destiny (1 Pet 1:4, 8-9)? What response to God’s mercy for this living hope does Peter start v 3 with? Praise God in prayer as you ponder all that’s new.

**Friday:** 1 Pet 1:3. Can you resonate with Peter’s readers who are called “elect exiles”? How does the living hope they are brought into shape how they live before their hopeless world (see 1:14-15, 2:12, 2:16-17, 3:14-16)? Pray that your life reflects better your living hope.

**Saturday:** Read Ephesians 5:22-33, looking for how Christ treats his church.