

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am
12:00 noon

Morning Worship

May 23, 2021

Reflections

Hope fills the afflicted soul with such inward joy and consolation, that it can laugh while tears are in the eye, sigh and sing all in a breath; it is called “the rejoicing of hope” (Hebrews 3:6).

—William Gurnall

What will make heaven heaven is the presence of Jesus and a reconciled divine Father who loves us for Jesus’ sake no less than he loves Jesus himself. To see and know and love and be loved by the Father and the Son, in company with the rest of God’s vast family, is the whole essence of the Christian hope. If you are a believer, and so a son or daughter, this prospect satisfies you completely. If it does not strike you as satisfying, it would seem that as yet you are neither.

—J. I. Packer

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Isaiah 55:1-3, 12:3 (responsive)

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²**Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

**Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.**

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

**and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.**

³**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise — Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

I will rise and go to Jesus,
He'll embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Confession of Sin — Numbers 11:4-6, Jeremiah 2:11-13

⁴ Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶ But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for that which does not profit.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
declares the LORD,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — John 4:13-15

¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

Response in Song — I Have a Shelter

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely
O Jesus, I will hide in You, my place of peace and solace
No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows

I have a shelter in the storm, when all my sins accuse me
Though justice charges me with guilt, Your grace will not refuse me
O Jesus, I will hide in You, who bore my condemnation
I find my refuge in Your wounds, for there I find salvation

I have a shelter in the storm, when constant winds would break me
For in my weakness, I have learned Your strength will not forsake me
O Jesus, I will hide in You the One who bears my burdens
With faithful hands that cannot fail, You'll bring me home to heaven
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With faithful hands that cannot fail, You'll bring me home to heaven.

Offering* Psalm 116:12 — ¹²What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

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

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — Romans 12:12a

¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation...

Sermon — Rejoice in Hope

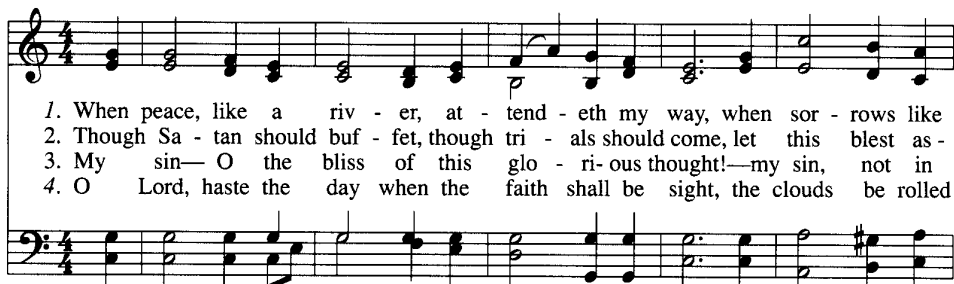
~Elder Joel Poortenga

Rejoice in Hope

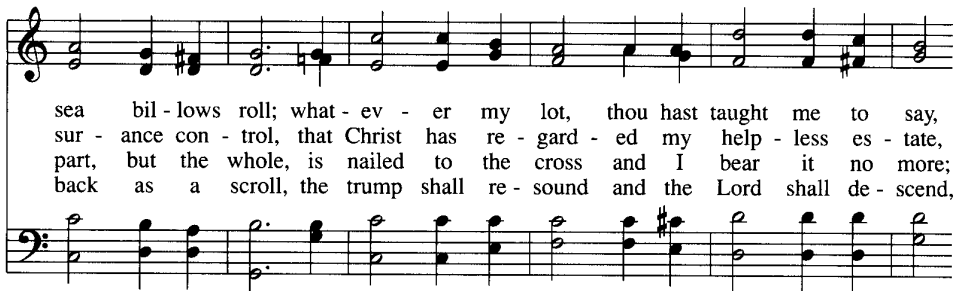
Romans 12:12a

1. Know your true hope
2. Expose your false hopes
3. Live as if your hope is real

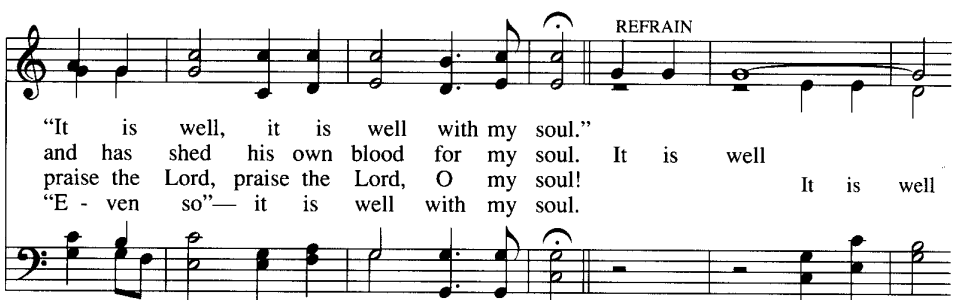
Closing Hymn — It is Well



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

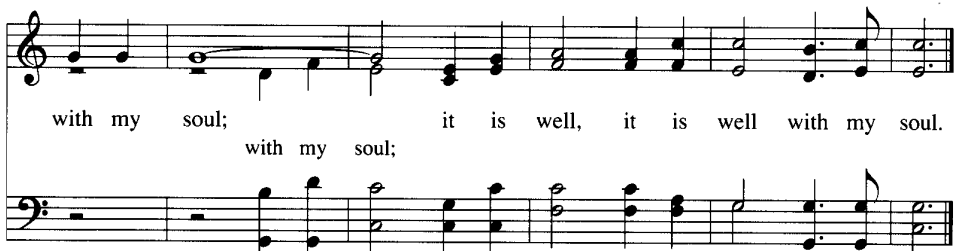


sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,



REFRAIN

“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
“E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.



with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
with my soul;

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Continue to pray for Pastor Francis and his family as they are away on their vacation. Pray for safety in travel, joy in the family time, and refreshment in the time spent away.
- Give thanks for God's ever-present love and care for us. Pray that we will be people who rejoice in the hope that He gives even when faced with difficulty and tribulation.
- Pray for our session as the love and serve the flock. Pray for wisdom, grace, and unity as they serve.
- Give thanks that the Lord has continued to provide for all our needs!
- Pray for those that struggle with chronic pain or disease. Pray that the Lord would meet them in their need, that they would rest in His goodness and strength, and that He would provide comfort and healing.
- Pray for the growth groups and their leaders as we begin to move toward meeting normally again.
- Pray for the men's and women's ministries as they serve the church.
- Pray for the couples from New Hope who are preparing to marry: Emily Howard/Leo Zavala, Caleb Mason/Joanna Wichern, Ellen Socash/Garrett Kennedy.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: John Hardison, Ron Synder, Jen Bridenbaugh, Charles Ruch, 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 the churches in the Frederick area that they would be committed to preaching the truth of the scriptures alone and that Christ would be pre-eminent.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month — Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, NJ. Pray that the Lord would use this evangelistic ministry of the OPC to bring the gospel to many who don't know Him and that hearts and minds would be changed. Pray, too, for those who are going there to work and serve will be blessed, changed, and grown through their time there.
- Pray for Liesl Boyed who is still recovering from covid-19. Pray that her body heals well and completely.
- Pray for the persecuted church and for the pastors of those churches. Pray for strength to endure the tribulation, that God would change the hearts of the persecutors, and that the church would continue to grow and thrive despite the wiles of the evil one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- Ladies' Bible Study, every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the lower building in Sunday school classroom #3
- June 1, Session meeting, at the church, 7:00 pm
- June 2, Wednesday night dinner and Bible study, 6:00 pm for pizza & prayer from 6:30-7:30 pm. See announcement below for details.

Wednesday Night Bible Study update, As the Wednesday Night Bible study wraps up the study in Revelation in May, there will be a new focus of the bible study beginning in June. On June 2nd, the Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study will begin meeting in person again and, for several weeks, have the time together be focused on prayer. Beginning at 6:00 pm for pizza, there will be a focused prayer time beginning at 6:30 pm followed by a time for fellowship and concluding at 7:30 pm. As often as possible, the study will be done outside. Children are welcome to attend and either play on the playground or be with the adults.

Bible Clubs, The Edification committee will be hosting an outdoor Bible Club at New Hope this summer for elementary-aged kids. We're looking forward to going on a "Faith Expedition" together through evenings of singing, Bible lessons, and games. Mark your calendars for July 12-14 so you can join us! If you are interested in teaching or helping with the Bible Club, please contact Amy Wright (amy.r.dewit@gmail.com)

Growth Group training, for current leaders and any who might be interested in leading. Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 to 11:00 at the church. Questions--contact Dave Myers.

Help Wanted!, Please consider if you might be able to fill any of these ministry needs. Each week we will highlight a few of these (*) so that you will have a better understanding of who to contact or what the position entails.

- Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study coordinator
- Children's Church Coordinator for the 6-7 year olds
- Children's Church teachers and assistants
- Nursery worker volunteers
- Nursery team leader
- Youth Advisory Committee Member
- Men's Ministry Coordinator*
- Growth Group Leaders*
- Church Life Committee member

- Outreach Committee member
- Worship Committee member
- Boardwalk Chapel youth group co-coordinator
- Musicians
- Ushers & Greeters
- Helping Hands volunteers
- Indoor and outdoor maintenance volunteers
- Researcher for long-term maintenance fund

Ministries in Need... What are they, what does the position entail, and who do I contact? Keep reading! Below you will find a couple of the ministries highlighted. Take a minute to read through them and see if you might be interested!

- Men's Ministry Coordinator, currently the Men's Ministry does a book study on the first Saturday of each month and, pre—covid, had breakfast together. We are looking for someone to coordinate this ministry and, perhaps, make it more robust. Contact Pastor Francis if you are interested.
- Growth Group Leader, the growth groups are the back bone of our church and are vital to our ministry. With several growth group leaders moving away, we are in need of new leaders. You must be a member to serve in this way. **Growth Group training for current leaders and any who might be interested in leading. Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 to 11:00 at the church. Questions--contact Dave Myers.**

Pastor Francis away, Pastor Francis will be on vacation until May 26th. If you have a pastoral need, please contact an elder or the church office and you will be helped.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Verse: Romans 12:12a ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation...

Heidelberg Catechism 107. But is it enough that we do not kill any man in the manner mentioned above [i.e. you shall not murder]? *No: for when God forbids envy, hatred, and anger, he commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves; to show patience, peace, meekness, mercy, and all kindness, towards him, and prevent his hurt as much as in us lies; and that we do good, even to our enemies.*

Monday: Read Luke 12:13-21, and 1 Timothy 6:17-19. How can I evaluate where I am putting my hope? As I think about income, savings, investments, insurance, and so on, how do I know if I am being responsible or if I am putting my hope in these things? If my true hope is really with Christ in God, how can I show that more with my resources?

Tuesday: Read Colossians 3:1-3. What do I most think about: things of earth or things in heaven? What do I mainly long for or seek? How does my attitude towards my home and possessions indicate where my hope really is? What false hopes do I need to expose to myself? What can/should I do today to put my hope more fully in the grace that will come in the future?

Wednesday: Read II Corinthians 6:1-10. In the midst of all the suffering described here, why can these apostles have joy? How can I similarly rejoice in the midst of hard circumstances? How can I focus my heart rightly during good times, so that in bad times, my heart can respond sorrowfully, "yet always rejoicing"?

Thursday: Read II Corinthians 5:1-10. How does this affect my thoughts and actions in regard to fitness and health? How can this help me as I consider the effects of aging? How should this affect my attitude towards what risks I am willing to take for the Kingdom of God? Do I have false hopes I am clinging to in this area?

Friday: Read Matthew 5:1-12. What are the rewards promised here? To whom are those rewards promised? How can I live more fully the way Jesus describes because of the hope he gives us in these verses?

Saturday: Read Psalm 73:23-26. Use it as a guide to your prayer, that your hope would be like that of the psalmist, and that you would rejoice in that hope.