

WELCOME!



Worship
9:00 am & 10:30 am

Morning Worship

June 27, 2021

Reflections

"[T]he cure of the child of the Canaanitish woman is clearly significant, not simply as one more instance of a display of divine power, but as pointing to the flexibility of the rule that Jesus had been sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (15:24, 28)."

~ (Ned B. Stonehouse, *The Witness of Matthew and Mark to Christ*, pages 145–146)

"The Lord Jesus indeed hid from Israel for a time but He did not disown His people. He could not do that because He could not deny God's covenant with them. God had first to fulfill His promise to Israel. God is eternally faithful to his covenant and grants His salvation by way of that covenant."

~ (S. G. De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Vol. 3, p. 243)

"Jesus's true family consists of those who trust in him, not those who are related to him by blood. Because Jesus is restoring not only Israel but also all of creation, including gentiles (Matt. 15:21–28; 21:40–44), the true people of God no longer can be marked out by certain nationalistic badges that distinguish one nation from another."

~ (G. K. Beale, *A New Testament Biblical Theology*, p. 424)

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 80:1-3 (responsive)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might

and come to save us!

³ **Restore us, O God;**

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Hymn of Praise — How Sweet & Awesome is the Place

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
2. While all our hearts and all our songs
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing your redeeming grace.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise — Heavenly Father, Beautiful Son

Father, You loved me, sent Your Son to redeem
Jesus, You washed me, by Your blood I am clean
Spirit, You've opened these blinded eyes
And brought me to Christ

*Heavenly Father, beautiful Son
Spirit of light and truth
Thank You for bringing sinners to come to You*

Father, You gave me, to Jesus to keep
And Jesus, You love me, as a shepherd, his sheep
Spirit, You've given me faith in the Son
And made our hearts one (chorus)

Father, You're waiting to hear my requests
Jesus, Your loving, open hand is outstretched
Spirit, You're in me, You intercede
And help in my need (chorus)

Confession of Sin — Ezekiel 34:1-10

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; ⁶they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them. ⁷“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, ⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

Assurance of Pardon — Ezekiel 34:11-31

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

²⁵“I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. ²⁹And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. ³⁰And they shall know that I am the LORD their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord GOD. ³¹And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord GOD.”

Response in Song — The Lord Is

The depths of Your grace, who can measure?
You fully supply all I need
To restore my weary soul again and again
And lead me in Your righteousness and peace

You're with me through every dark valley
There's nothing that I have to fear
You are there to comfort me again and again
Protecting me, assuring me You're near

*The Lord is, The Lord is my shepherd
The Lord is, The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want*

You gave Your own life for my ransom
So I could rejoice at Your side
You have shown Your faithfulness again and again
There's nothing good that You will not provide

I will dwell in Your house All the days of my life
I will dwell in Your house All the days of my life

Offering* **Luke 21:1-4** Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

**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 — Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon — Lost Sheep, Pet Dogs, and Children

~ Pastor John Mahaffy

Benediction

Postlude

— Lost Sheep, Pet Dogs and Children —

Matthew 15:21-28

I. Jesus came as the shepherd of the lost sheep of Israel.

A. A Canaanite woman pleads for mercy.

B. Jesus describes his work as for his covenant people.

II. Live by faith!

A. Recognize how extensive is God's covenant grace.

B. Trust the covenant Redeemer!

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for our session as they shepherd the flock of God. Pray that they will be faithful servants, diligent disciples of Jesus, and lovers and protectors of the flock.
- Give thanks for the faithful work of Traci Poppert who served almost ten years as nursery coordinator. Pray for the interim coordinator, Amy Wright, that the transition will be smooth as she continues this vital work.
- Praise God that Briggs Koops is now home from the hospital. Pray for continued recovery, for the ability to go home soon, and for his parents as they diligently care for him.
- Pray for New Hope as we begin to return to normalcy in ministry. Pray for the Lord's continued provision for us.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to grow the body at New Hope and foster new and deeper friendships and bonds within the body.
- Pray for those who struggle with anxiety and/or depression. Pray that the Lord will bring comfort and hope to them through the Word, prayer, and the care of God's people.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Patti Deschamps, Joan Johansen, CeCe (Willman), John Hardison, Muriel Hadidian, Scott Innes, Monica Laird's mother, Jen Bridenbaugh, Charles Ruch, Jen William's brother, Mike, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, 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 truths of the Bible and the supremacy of Christ.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month — the persecuted church. Pray for those who are suffering because of the name of Jesus that they will have strength to endure, peace in the midst of struggle, and faith to persevere. Pray for an end to persecution and for hearts to be changed to love God.
- Pray for Kristen in Europe as she loves and serves her community. Pray that she will have opportunity to share the gospel as she cares for those around her. Pray that the Lord will provide for all her needs: physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Pray for Jim & Jenny Knox who are missionary associates in Mbale, Uganda. Pray that they will be a light to those around them as the Ugandan people talk a lot about fear and worry as their country is, again, under strident lockdown due to covid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- **Session Meeting**, Tues., July 6th, 7:00 pm
- **Wednesday Bible study for youth and adults**, 6:00 pm for pizza followed by Bible study/prayer at 6:30 pm.
- **Bible Club**, July 12-14, 6:30-8:00 pm at the church
- **Keys Game**, Friday, July 30th, 7:00 pm

Ladies Bible Study group, will be meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays during the summer months. Come join us at 10:00 a.m. for devotions, prayer and fellowship in the lower building, Sunday School classroom # 3. New people are welcome - get to know us during these less structured meetings. Our Regular Bible Study will resume in the Fall.

Bible Club, Come on a Faith Expedition with us at Bible Club this summer! We will be meeting in the New Hope parking lot July 12 -14 from 6:30-8 pm to sing, learn about the Bible and play games together. Contact Amy Wright amy.r.dewit@gmail.com with questions

Nursery Resumes, beginning next Sunday, July 4th, nursery for toddlers (ages 1-3) will be available during the 10:30 am service. If you are willing to help staff the nursery, please contact Amy Wright.

“Take me out to the ball game...”, calling all baseball fans! New Hope night at the Frederick Keys is Friday July 30. The game starts at 7pm and is followed by fireworks.

- There is a minimum number (25) needed for group pricing for Reserved Seats. Adults \$10, Youths 3-12 \$7 and 3 and under free on an adult’s lap but count towards our minimum.
- Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks, but save the date to see the Keys and Trenton Thunder.

Contact Monica Laird with questions, 410 963-6522 or Monlaird@gmail.com

Community News

Geneva College Choir Concert, on Friday, July 9th, Faith PCA will be hosting New Song (a Geneva college ensemble) at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend. There will be an ice cream social reception following the concert.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: John 10: 11 — ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Westminster Confession 7.3 God's Covenant with Man

Man, by his fall, having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein He freely offers unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life His Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe.

Monday: Examine Mt 15:21-22 for all this woman has going against her request. How does she “make a fool of herself” in order to get help? How would this honesty, openness, actually help us more than our usual autonomy and independence? How do you/we live autonomously and independently of God (and others)? What things make you believe you can't receive Christ's mercy/grace?

Tuesday: How is Jesus' response in Mt 15:24 an answer to the disciples' question to send the woman away? Why did the disciples want to dismiss her? How does Jesus use this situation to teach the disciples (v 24, Jn 4:22)? How does his silence draw out the woman's faith? How can Jesus' not answering our pleas/prayers strengthen our faith?

Wednesday: Mt 15:25-27. What is the principle in v 26? Does the woman disagree with it? How does her response anticipate grace to the Gentiles? What does it say about the saving power of the uncleanness laws of 15:2, 11? How does Jesus' response demonstrate the inclusion of Gentiles (Mt 1:5, Rom 11:11-12, Acts 10:15, 28)? Give thanks for the breadth of grace, and pray for its expansion.

Thursday: How do we usually think strong faith is exhibited? What about weak faith? Read Mt 14:29-31 and 15:28. Why is Peter called “little faith” and this Canaanite “great faith”? What do you see Mt 15:21-28 about what great faith is, how it is evidenced? How can you grow in such faith?

Friday: Mt 15:21-28. Why does this story come between the 2 bread-feedings, and after Pharisees uncleanness rules? How does it challenge the Pharisees' view of faith? Consider how we too are to look perseveringly and continually to Jesus. Where do you need to pray, “Lord, help me”?

Saturday: Read Exodus 25:23-30. Consider what a table with bread might communicate to the Israelites. Pray for tomorrow's service.