

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am

Morning Worship

August 1, 2021

Reflections

Worship is the work of acknowledging the greatness of our covenant Lord...Redemption is the means; worship is the goal. In one sense, worship is the whole point of everything. It is the purpose of history, the goal of the whole Christian story. Worship is not one segment of the Christian life, seen as a priestly offering to God. And when we meet together as a church, our time of worship is not merely a preliminary to something else; rather, it is the whole point of our existence as the body of Christ.

~ John M. Frame

(The priesthood of all believers means) that all believers have access to God. This, however, is only part of the meaning...An overemphasis on this point can lead to excessive individualism. The priesthood of believers then is taken to mean that since we each have direct access to God, we don't need each other. ...We are priests to each other. We are not just individual priests; we are a priesthood, just as the church is a body, a people, and a nation. The church is a fellowship in which each person serves as a priest to the others.

~ Howard Snyder

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn of Praise — Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

REFRAIN

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
• keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise — Join All the Glorious Names

Join all the glorious names, of wisdom love and pow'r
That mortals ever knew, that angels ever bore,
All are too poor to speak your vast and priceless worth,
Too poor to set my Savior forth.

*Jesus, your name is glorious, our Prophet, Priest, and King.
Jesus, you're reigning over us.
And forevermore your praises we will sing.*

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless your name,
Through You the joyful news of our salvation came.
The long-awaited news of ev'ry sin forgiv'n
Of hell subdued and peace with Heav'n.

Jesus my Great High Priest, You shed your blood and died,
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
Your pure and precious blood for all my sin atoned
And now it pleads before the throne.

Assurance of Pardon — Hebrews 7:26-8:2

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

8 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ²a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

Commitment to Holy Living — Hebrews 12:28-13:5

²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

13 Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be un-

defiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Song of Response — 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

Offering* 2 Corinthians 9:8 ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — Exodus 28

“Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ² And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. ³ You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him for my priesthood. ⁴ These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests. ⁵ They shall receive gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen.

⁶ “And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and of fine twined linen, skillfully worked. ⁷ It shall have two shoulder pieces attached to its two edges, so that it may be joined together. ⁸ And the skillfully woven band on it shall be made like it and be of one piece with it, of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen. ⁹ You shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth. ¹¹ As a jeweler engraves signets, so shall you engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall enclose them in settings of gold filigree. ¹² And you shall set the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders for remembrance. ¹³ You shall make settings of gold filigree, ¹⁴ and two chains of pure gold, twisted like cords; and you shall attach the corded chains to the settings.

¹⁵ “You shall make a breastpiece of judgment, in skilled work. In the style of the ephod you shall make it—of gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen shall you make it. ¹⁶ It shall be square and doubled, a span its length and a span its breadth. ¹⁷ You shall set in it four rows of stones. A row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle shall be the first row; ¹⁸ and the second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; ¹⁹ and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; ²⁰ and the fourth row a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold filigree. ²¹ There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes. ²² You shall make for the breastpiece twisted chains like cords, of pure gold. ²³ And you shall make for the breastpiece two rings of gold, and put the two rings on the two edges of the breastpiece. ²⁴ And you shall put the two cords of gold in the two rings at the edges of the breastpiece. ²⁵ The two ends of the two cords you shall attach to the two settings of filigree, and so attach it in front to the shoulder pieces of the ephod. ²⁶ You shall make two rings of gold, and put them at the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inside edge next to the ephod. ²⁷ And you shall make two rings of gold, and attach them in front to the lower part of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, at its seam above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. ²⁸ And they shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, so that it may lie on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, so that the breastpiece shall not come loose from the ephod. ²⁹ So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the LORD. ³⁰ And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim

and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the LORD regularly.

³¹ "You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. ³² It shall have an opening for the head in the middle of it, with a woven binding around the opening, like the opening in a garment, so that it may not tear. ³³ On its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet yarns, around its hem, with bells of gold between them, ³⁴ a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, around the hem of the robe. ³⁵ And it shall be on Aaron when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the Holy Place before the LORD, and when he comes out, so that he does not die.

³⁶ "You shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, 'Holy to the LORD.' ³⁷ And you shall fasten it on the turban by a cord of blue. It shall be on the front of the turban. ³⁸ It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear any guilt from the holy things that the people of Israel consecrate as their holy gifts. It shall regularly be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

³⁹ "You shall weave the coat in checker work of fine linen, and you shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash embroidered with needlework.

⁴⁰ "For Aaron's sons you shall make coats and sashes and caps. You shall make them for glory and beauty. ⁴¹ And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests. ⁴² You shall make for them linen undergarments to cover their naked flesh. They shall reach from the hips to the thighs; ⁴³ and they shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they go into the tent of meeting or when they come near the altar to minister in the Holy Place, lest they bear guilt and die. This shall be a statute forever for him and for his offspring after him.

Sermon — The High Priest: Our Covenant Mediator ~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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.

Benediction

Postlude

The High Priest: Our Covenant Mediator

Exodus 28

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Pastor Francis as he away for a study week of accountability, study and refreshment August 2-7. Pray, too, for him and his family as they vacation during the week of August 8-14.
- Give thanks that we have Jesus, our great high priest, who intercedes for us and allows us to confidently approach the throne of grace. Pray that, as He builds us up to be a royal priesthood, we will proclaim His excellencies.
- Pray for the upcoming Sunday school semester as plans are being made. Give thanks for all the teachers who have signed on to teach and for their assistants.
- Pray for the leaders of our country, our state, and our local municipalities. Pray for wisdom, for clear and right thinking, and for servant leadership.
- Pray that God would raise up workers here at New Hope for the ministries of the church.
- 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.
- Pray for Ellen Socash & Garrett Kennedy as they prepare for their wedding in September. Pray that they will draw closer to Christ and each other as they work through the details and plans for the wedding.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Barbara & Charles Ruch, Patti Deschamps, John Hardison, 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 that God would raise up workers from the congregation to serve at Ballenger Creek Elementary with the Good News Clubs.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month — Kristen who is serving in Europe. Pray that she will have wisdom to serve her community well, that she will be able to love those around her with Christ's love, and that He will give her daily strength to fulfill her calling.
- Pray for Claire Hall who is serving in Scotland. Pray specifically for healing and deep patience for her as she recovers from a recent concussion.
- Continue to pray for Joel Chism and Alyssa Wise as they serve at the Boardwalk Chapel this summer. Pray for continued growth, increased faith, and joy in their service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- **Wednesday Bible study for youth, 6:00-8:30 pm**

New Members/Inquirers Class, are you interested in joining the church or just learning more about New Hope or the OPC? Mark your calendars for September 24-25 for the next class. Have questions about it? Contact Gingy in the office (admin@newhopeopc.org) or Pastor Francis (pastor@newhopeopc.org)!

Prayer Pods, Round 2: Prayer Pods are groups of 3 to 4 women who gather in person or virtually to encourage each other spiritually and pray for one another intentionally. Prayer Pod members will ideally meet or connect with each other weekly for 2 months. Every 2 months, the Women's Committee will offer new Prayer Pods for those who would like to join or for current Prayer Pod participants who want to connect with new women at New Hope. Interested? Fill out this survey by Saturday, August 14: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoUKr7ntBYdnXO7SOKUqq8zZkpFxDzK49DtR5nnVX7ZzggQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Pastor Francis away, Pastor Francis will be on study leave August 2-7 and vacation August 8-15. If you have a pastoral need, please contact one of the elders or the office.

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.

Serving Today (8/01):

- Nursery: Ann Burden, Josie O'Shea, Aria Chism
- Sound: Kim Hanlin
- Livestream: Lance Duvall

Serving Next Week (8/08):

- Nursery: Peter Forsee, David & Chalice Chism
- Sound: Jim Washburne
- Livestream: Craig Lalley

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: Hebrews 4:16 ¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶**Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest? *Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.*

Monday: Why must Adam be separated from God (Gen 3:24)? Why did Aaron and his sons have to wear long undergarments (Ex 28:42-43)? What does this tell you about God? What hope is there for sinners to enter back into the presence of a holy God (Ex 28:36-38, Heb 9:11-12)? How will you respond to this truth (Heb 12:28f)

Tuesday: How was the high priest the same and different than the Israelites? Why was he given such distinct clothing? In Ex 28 who did the High Priest represent (v 9, 12; v 29, 30)? What was wrong with the High Priest in Zech 3:1-4? What did Jesus “wear” that the priestly garments only pointed to (Heb 7:26)? How did he represent us (Heb 7:26-28)? How should you then be holy, blameless, pure?

Wednesday: Shame dwells on the past. The Holy Spirit moves us toward the future, making us more and more what we already are. Trace the history of “your” priesthood into the future: Gen 3:21 (unrighteous priest reclothed), Ex 19:6, Ex 28:29, Is 61:6, 1 Pet 2:9, Rev 5:10, Rev 7:13-14. That is what we are in Christ, and becoming by the power of the Spirit.

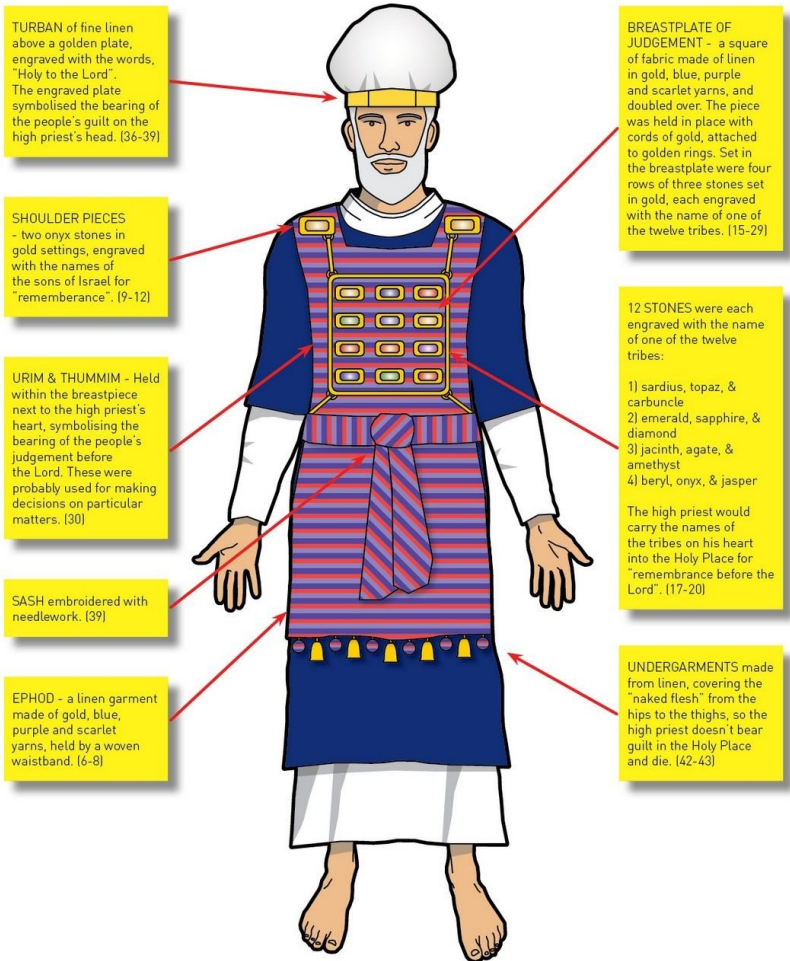
Thursday: The whole OT church was represented by the High Priest (Ex 28:29). All Wednesday’s texts are also plural (the church). Since those in the church are over the High Priest’s heart, clothed in His righteousness, how does this change how you “identify” or view them even when it comes to shameful things? How does it free you to respond to shamed and shameful things (Heb 4:15-5:2, Gal 6:1-2)?

Friday: What causes you to feel ashamed? How does the new clothing of a priest that Jesus dresses you in (1 Pet 1:14-16, Zech 3:4-5, 9) speak to that shame? You are associated with Christ, you are “in him” (Ex 28:12, 2 Cor 5:17). Rejoice in this wonderful honor!

Saturday: Read 1 Peter 4:12-19. Why are we not to be surprised when suffering comes? According to the text, how can we possibly rejoice at such times?

THE HIGH PRIEST'S GARMENTS

EXODUS 28



TURBAN of fine linen above a golden plate, engraved with the words, "Holy to the Lord". The engraved plate symbolised the bearing of the people's guilt on the high priest's head. (36-39)

SHOULDER PIECES - two onyx stones in gold settings, engraved with the names of the sons of Israel for "remembrance". (9-12)

URIM & THUMMIM - Held within the breastpiece next to the high priest's heart, symbolising the bearing of the people's judgement before the Lord. These were probably used for making decisions on particular matters. (30)

SASH embroidered with needlework. (39)

EPHOD - a linen garment made of gold, blue, purple and scarlet yarns, held by a woven waistband. (6-8)

BREASTPLATE OF JUDGEMENT - a square of fabric made of linen in gold, blue, purple and scarlet yarns, and doubled over. The piece was held in place with cords of gold, attached to golden rings. Set in the breastplate were four rows of three stones set in gold, each engraved with the name of one of the twelve tribes. (15-29)

12 STONES were each engraved with the name of one of the twelve tribes:

- 1) sardius, topaz, & carbuncle
- 2) emerald, sapphire, & diamond
- 3) jacinth, agate, & amethyst
- 4) beryl, onyx, & jasper

The high priest would carry the names of the tribes on his heart into the Holy Place for "remembrance before the Lord". (17-20)

UNDERGARMENTS made from linen, covering the "naked flesh" from the hips to the thighs, so the high priest doesn't bear guilt in the Holy Place and die. (42-43)