

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am

Morning Worship

August 8, 2021

Reflections

“Our pastor-friend spread wide his arms and beamed, ‘Welcome to our country where our God is bigger than your God.’ It was a happy-hearted fact: God always seems bigger to those who need him the most. And suffering is the tool he uses to help us need him more.”

~ Joni Eareckson Tada

“Believing in suffering is a dead end. Believing in the Sculptor is living hope.”

~ Joni Eareckson Tada

When a person has completely given up the idea of making something of himself... then one throws oneself entirely into the arms of God, then one no longer takes seriously his own suffering.”

~ Bonhoeffer

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 22:1-5 (responsive)

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

² **My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.**

³ **Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.**

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵ **To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

Hymn of Praise — Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth (*echo*)
From the depths of the sea (*echo*)
From the heights of the heavens (*echo*)
Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak (*echo*)
From the shouts of the strong (*echo*)
From the lips of all people (*echo*)
This song we raise Lord...

Throughout the endless ages,
You will be crowned with praises,
Lord most high...
Exalted in every nation,
Sovereign of all creation,
Lord most high, we magnify.

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise — I Will Rejoice in the Lord (Hab. 3)

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord.
Renew them in our day, in our time make them known;
In wrath remember mercy.

*And I will rejoice in the Lord!
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
I will rejoice in the Lord! Again I say rejoice!
I will rejoice in the Lord! I will rejoice in the Lord!*

Though the fig tree does not bud, and there're no grapes on the vines,
Though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food,
Though there're no sheep in the pen, and no cattle in the stalls.

Yet I will rejoice...

Lord, in your presence who can stand?
My deeds before you are as filthy rags.
There's nothing I can bring but a heart full of sin.
Yet through the mercy of Your Son I can enter in.

So I will rejoice...

Confession of Sin — Romans 13:9-14

⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 51:1-2, Isaiah 53:5

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

Song of Response — What the Lord Has Done in Me

Let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich."
Let the blind say, "I can see;
It's what the Lord has done in me."

*Hosanna! Hosanna! To the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Jesus died and rose again.*

Into the river I will wade,
There my sins are washed away.
From the heavens
Mercy streams of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep
Into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs;
Jesus Christ has set me free.

Offering* 1 Chronicles 16:34 — ³⁴ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**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 — 1 Peter 4:12-19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

*“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”*

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Sermon — Suffering as a Christian

~ Ben Franks*, licentiate

Closing Hymn — Great is Thy Faithfulness (page 8)

Closing Prayer

Postlude

**Ben Franks is a licentiate in the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic and is currently serving as a pastoral intern at Kectoctin Covenant OPC in Purcellville, VA. He and his wife, Cherie, have three exuberant girls: Maggie (aged 4), Emma, (aged 2), and Heidi (aged 3 months).*

Suffering as a Christian

1 Peter 4:12-19

Closing Hymn — Great is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -



vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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. Pray, too, for wisdom and strength for them as they carry out the calling the Lord has put upon them.
- Continue to pray for Monica and John Laird as they grieve the loss of Monica's mom and take care of her estate. Pray for strength, comfort, and wisdom during the difficult time.
- Continue to pray for Pastor Francis as he is on vacation until the 17th of August. Pray for safety, refreshment, and rest while he is away.
- Pray for the women's ministry as they put together prayer pods for the ladies in the church. Pray for wisdom as they look for ways to serve the women at New Hope.
- Pray for the Wednesday Night prayer and youth meetings that we have. Pray that the Lord would use this to build our prayer life and to strengthen church community.
- Give thanks for the musicians who serve so faithfully each week to help us worship well through song.
- Pray for those who struggle with chronic pain that the Lord will meet them in their need and find strength and relief to endure.
- 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 be encouraged in the work that she is doing, will find joy in this ministry, and be grown in her faith and trust in the Lord through it.
- Pray that God would bring more willing servants to help with the Outreach Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- **Wednesday Ladies Bible Study**, Aug. 11th, 10:00 am in lower building.
- **Wednesday Bible study for youth and adult prayer meeting**, 6:00-8:30 pm, Aug. 11th

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/1FAIpQLSco-UKr7ntBYdnXO7SOKUqq8zZkpFxDzK49DtR5nnVX7ZzggQ/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.

Office Closed, next week the office will be closed as Giny will be on vacation. Email will be checked periodically.

Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, August 19! Ladies, we're doing something a little different this month and hope you can join us. The entire event will be at Jackie Plowman's home (4227 Spring View Ct, Jefferson). Grab some to-go dinner (nearby goodies include Watson's Carry-Out and Little Red Barn) and bring it Jackie's after 6:00pm to eat dinner there together. Prefer to eat dinner on your own? Join us for dessert, which will be served around 7:30pm. RSVP to Elease Layman - 301.767.6848 or elease.layman@gmail.com (appreciated, but not required). Depending on attendance and weather, we may ask you to bring an outdoor chair.

Ladies, please mark your calendars for our next fellowship brunch, to be held 10am-1pm on Saturday, October 2. Connect with other New Hope women, and hear a testimony and devotional from some of your sisters here, all while enjoying all-you-can-drink coffee and delicious brunch! More details and RSVP request to come.

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 Giny in the office (admin@newhopeopc.org) or Pastor Francis (pastor@newhopeopc.org)!

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Abuse in the Church?, the presbytery of Philadelphia warmly invites members and friends of the OPC to attend a conference on the topic of abuse with featured speaker, Dr. Diane Langberg, October 8-9, 2021. The conference will be in-person and livestreamed. Pastor Francis is planning to attend and would enjoy having others go with him. If you are interested, please contact him at pastor@newhopeopc.org

Serving Today (8/08):

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

Serving Next Week (8/15):

- Nursery: Katrina Howard, Liesl Boyed, Adeline Rodatus
- Sound: Belle Wetzell
- Livestream: Jim Washburne

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: 1 Peter 4:19 — ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Monday: (1 Peter 4:12) The charge given by Peter suggests that his hearers, and you, may naturally tend to think it strange when faced with trial. What is the reason for a Christian's suffering and trial as revealed in this text? How does/can knowing this serve you in regard to facing trial?

Tuesday: (1 Peter 4:13) consider how incredible a thing it is that a Christian's suffering (as a Christian) is a "sharing in Christ's suffering". What affection does this incite? What is the proper response to suffering for doing good? (See also Acts 5:41) do you find this to be a true condition of your heart?

Wednesday: (1 Peter 4:13-15) We are reminded that suffering is also a consequence of wrongdoing and therefore are cautioned that suffering in itself is not assurance of sharing with Christ. Consider what it means to suffer for being a Christian. Do you find trials in your life that, if considered truthfully, are the consequence of sin rather than godliness?

Thursday: (1 Peter 4:14) Why would someone be insulted for the name of Christ? Think about every instance where Christ himself was despised and spoken against. What kind of things did he say in his earthy ministry? How did he say them? Also, What does the Christian have that is made evident while they joy in trial?

Friday: (1 Peter 4:17-18) what will become of the of the ungodly and the sinner and those who do not obey the gospel? Why do you think this is a question that God has appointed us to consider?

Saturday: In light of this message, think about the saints in scripture who serve as witnesses to its truth. How has God been glorified through the suffering of other servants?