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Sunday School ~ 9:30 am Worship ~ 10:30 am

Morning Worship

October 3, 2021

Reflections

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."

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Just as the Spirit came upon Jesus to equip him for his public ministry, so now the Spirit was to come upon his people to equip them for theirs...He would impel them to proclaim throughout the world the good news of His salvation. Salvation is given to be shared.

~ John Stott

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Ministry Moment — Good News Clubs

Call to Worship — Exodus 34:6-8

⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." ⁸ And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise — Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners



Song of Praise — Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King, Who delight to bring Him praise, Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him, Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; Oh Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night, Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease, But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith. Come, those with full or empty hands; find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call The Truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all." (chorus)

Confession of Sin — Matthew 22:36-38, Exodus 20:1-

11 (responsive)

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment.

And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the

LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Assurance of Pardon— Hebrews 10:8-10

⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Song of Response — The Power of the Cross

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then, nailed to a cross of wood.

O, to see the pain, written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed. Crowning Your bloodstained brow... (chorus#1)

<u>Chorus #1</u> This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us, Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath, Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life—"Finished!" the victory cry. (chorus #1)

O, to see my name, written in the wounds, For through Your suff'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death! Life is mine to live, Won through your selfless love! (chorus #2)

<u>Chorus #2</u> This is the pow'r of the cross; Son of God, slain for us What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross (repeat) **Offering**^{*} — 1 Timothy 6:18-19 ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

*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 — Philippians 1:12-18

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Sermon — Joy in Gospel Advance

~ 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.

Closing Hymn — In Christ Alone (page 8)

Joy in Gospel Advance -

Philippians 1:12-18

1. But the Gospel Advanced (vs 12-14)

2. But Christ is Proclaimed (vs 15-18)

Closing Song — In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, what strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone!—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied— For every sin on him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am his and he is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from his hand; Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Benediction

Postlude

Our Church Family

- Pray for our session as they meet next week. Pray that they will lead the church well, be joyful servants, have humble hearts, and be dedicated to prayer and study of God's word.
- Praise God for the successful surgery on Orion Nichols, grandson of Mark & Joy. Pray for continued healing and speedy recovery from surgery and that he will be able to quickly transition to mouth feeding. Pray, too, for his parents, Mark & Meredith, as the care for Orion and his twin sister Adaline.
- Give thanks for Amy Wright as she serves as the interim nursery coordinator. Pray that, as she transitions out of this position at the end of the year, that the Lord would provide a new nursery coordinator.
- Continue to pray for Ginny Lundregan that, as she recovers from wrist surgery, she'll have full restoration of use of her right wrist.
- Pray for Tim Wesolek's mother who is struggling with abdominal pain. Pray that the physicians will be able to diagnose what is ailing her.
- Pray for Ron Oakes' brother Jim who has a squamous cell lesion on top of his head that penetrated the skull bone and is inoperable. Pray for him as he undergoes radiation therapy 5 days a week for 7 weeks.
- Pray for Tyler Beck's father who continues in ICU on a ventilator battling covid. Pray for healing and strength for him.
- Pray for the men who are training to be deacons. Pray that the Lord would use this training to
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Dawn Myers, Phyllis Brinson, Scott Innes, Joan Johansen, John & Dana Bishoff, Barbara & Charles Ruch, Patti Deschamps, Jen Bridenbaugh, 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 the churches in the Frederick area will be committed to preaching the truth from the Bible. Pray for protection from arrows from the evil one.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pray for this mission who seeks to bring the gospel into the public schools to give hope to those who may not know the Lord.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he moves toward mission work in Tajikistan. Pray that the Lord would provide for all of his needs and give him wisdom and guidance in his plans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- Session Meeting, Tuesday, October 5th, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am in classroom 3 in the main building
- Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study, 6-8 pm for all ages
- Presbytery Meeting, Saturday, October 9th
- Missions Presentation, Sunday, October 17th, 6:30 pm, Luke Hake presenting more information about missions work he will be doing in Tajikistan.

October 10th Sunday School Adult Classes combined, next Sunday during the Sunday school hour, the adult classes will combine to talk about the following:

- Resting Months if you have questions that you would like answered during this time, please submit them to Pastor Francis
- Deacons you will get a chance to learn more about the 2 men who have been nominated for deacon, Mark Ohlwiler and David Chism.
- **Nursery Coordinator Position,** we are currently looking to hire a nursery coordinator for our nursery here at New Hope. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please contact Gingy in the office for a job description. This is a paid position.
- Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study resumes, starting next Wednesday, October 6th from 6-8 pm, we will resume all aspects of our Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study. There will be a class for 4-12 year olds, youth group for the middle school and high school, a class for the adults, and a nursery.
- Youth Retreat! Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers, mark your calendar for our Youth Retreat on Oct 22-24 (Friday to Sunday). We plan to go to White Sulphur Springs in Manns Choice, PA. If you can, plan to leave early Friday (2pm) to maximize the time there, although rides will be possible later too. Luke Hake will be our speaker, and we may even get him to speak while doing the high ropes course. The Edification Committee has been generous with budgeted youth funds for 2021, and the cost will be greatly discounted this year. We do not want any youth at New Hope to not go because of cost so please talk to us if money is a concern at all. We are anticipating a great weekend, but need to know how many are going. Please talk to Bruce Johnson so he has a good idea of how many reservations to make if you plan to go, his number 574-780-6842. Ask Francis VanDelden for a registration form.

- Welcoming Team, we are in the process of reorganizing our usher and greeter teams and need some more individuals to join in! If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Gingy at admin@newhopeopc.org.
- **Church E-mail List**, every week New Hope sends out informational emails to the congregation; one on Wednesday and one on Friday. If you are not on this list and would like to be contact the administrative assistant, Gingy, in the office at admin@newhopeopc.org
- **Prayer Chain,** if you would like to be included in the New Hope Prayer Chain, please contact Sharon Kinna (sjkinna@comcast.net)

Serving Today (10/03):

- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Mary Troxel, Gingy Socash
- Nursery (Worship service): Katie Poortenga, Ronnie & Jack Socash
- Sound: Kim Hanlin
- Livestream: Lance Duvall

Serving Next Week (10/10):

- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Kim Jernigan, Amy Wright
- Nursery (Worship service): Josie O'Shea, Lauren Burden, Emma VanDelden
- Sound: Ed Wright
- Livestream: Belle Wetzel

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Verse: Philippians 2:4 - 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 155 How is the Word made effectual to salvation? The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Monday: Phil 1:12-14. What has happened to Paul (1:7)? Why would that raise concerns from the Philippian church for Paul and the gospel advance (4:10, 12)? How does Paul respond to their concerns? Read vv 12-18 as a missionary report, and even a "justification" for ongoing financial support. What is your interest, prayer, and support for the advance of the gospel (at New Hope, evangelism, missions)?

Tuesday: Phil 1:12-14. Consider the pain, frustration, and limitations of Paul's imprisonment. What is strangely absent from vv 12-14 in terms of how Paul is doing? In these verses, how does Paul put his suffering under God's sovereign wisdom? How does he look to trace God's providence in this time? What is his chief concern for his life no matter where God places him (consider "for Christ in v 13, also 1:20)? How are these things instructive to you in times of trial, suffering, loss, or frustration?

Wednesday: Phil 1:12-14. What proof does Paul offer in v 13 that his imprisonment has not hindered gospel advance? Imagine how Paul might have done this. How might he have demonstrated (words, actions, attitude) that his imprisonment was "for Christ," not for sin (1 Pet 2:12, 4:12-16). What second proof of gospel advance is in v 14? How does Paul's confidence and testimony spur others to action? Have you experienced that? What is your part in gospel advance?

Thursday: Phil 1:15-18. Not all is rosy in Paul's missionary report. What struggles did he have there? Pray for pastors and missionaries to preach from right motives, and to fight envy, rivalry, competition. Where do these sins appear in your own heart? Why did this situation not aggravate Paul (v 18)? How is this an example to us?

Friday: Phil 1:18. What is one of Paul's greatest joys? Consider why this is Paul's joy in light of what the power of gospel proclamation is (Rom 1:16-1, 8:14-15)? Is that your conviction? Consider why this is Paul's joy in light of who is proclaimed (e.g. Col 1:27-2:3, 1 Pet 1:8)? Ask God to make his glory, Christ's beauty, and the Spirit's power move you to joy.

Saturday: Consider what "the help of the Spirit" means in Philippians 1:18-20. Pray for tomorrow's worship service.