

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

November 28, 2021

Reflections

“The cumulative testimony of the four Gospels is that when Jesus Christ sees the fallenness of the world all about him, his deepest impulse, his most natural instinct, is to move toward that sin and suffering, not away from it.” “You don’t need to unburden or collect yourself and then come to Jesus.

“We cannot present a reason for Christ to finally close off his heart to his own sheep. No such reason exists. Every human friend has a limit. If we offend enough, if a relationship gets damaged enough, if we betray enough times, we are cast out. The walls go up. With Christ, our sins and weaknesses are the very resumé items that qualify us to approach him.”

“Jesus does not love like us. We love until we are betrayed. Jesus continued to the cross despite betrayal. We love until we are forsaken. Jesus loved through forsakenness. We love up to a limit. Jesus loves to the end.”

~ Gentle and Lowly, Dane Ortlund

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Prayer of Adoration

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

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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!

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

ARTHUR'S SEAT 6.6.6.6.8.8.
 John Goss, 1800-1880
 Arr. by Uzziah C. Burnap, 1874

Song of Response — O Come O Come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

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un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Confession of Sin — Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — John 19:28-30

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Song of Response — He Who is Mighty

Oh, the mercy our God has shown
To those who sit in death's shadow
The sun on high pierced the night
Born was the Cornerstone

PRE-CHORUS

Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born

CHORUS

*He Who is mighty has done a great thing
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame
Holy is His name*

Oh, the freedom our Savior won
The yoke of sin has been broken
Once a slave, now by grace
No more condemnation

BRIDGE

Now my soul magnifies the Lord I rejoice in the God Who saves
I will trust His unfailing love I will sing His praises all my days

Offering* — 1 Chronicles 29:12 ¹²Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

**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 — Mark 6:30-34

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

Sermon — The Resting Months

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — Jesus I am Resting, Resting (page 8)

Benediction

Postlude

The Resting Months

Mark 6:30-34

Closing Hymn — Jesus I am Resting, Resting

Jesus I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee,
And thy beauty fills my soul,
For by thy transforming power,
Thou hast made me whole.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of thy loving heart.*

O, how great thy loving kindness,
vaster, Broader than the sea!
O, how marvelous thy goodness,
Lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved,
Know what wealth of grace is thine,
Know thy certainty of promise,
And have made it mine.

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold thee as thou art,
And thy love, so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings,
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings:
Thine is love indeed!

Ever lift thy face upon me,
As I work and wait for thee;
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with thy grace.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray that the Lord would use this coming month of rest to renew us, help us to focus on Him, and find new ways to love those around us.
- Give thanks for Pastor Francis and his love and care for the congregation. Pray for God's blessing upon him and his family.
- Give thanks for all those who serve each Sunday to help us worship well.
- Give thanks for Eleese Layman, our treasurer and the enormous amount of work that she does each week for New Hope.
- Give thanks for Lance Duvall who has served so faithfully as a trustee these past 5 years. Pray that the Lord would bless him for the work and dedication he has given.
- Pray for those who struggle with loneliness or sadness during the holiday season. Pray that we will be mindful of those around us and look for ways to care for those who are struggling.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up more men for leadership both as elders and deacons.
- Pray for Jyl Mixon who is expecting a new little one. Pray for the continued health and safety of both mom and baby.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: the Nichols family, Tyler Beck, Dawn Myers, Phyllis Brinson, Scott Innes, Joan Johansen, John & Dana Bishoff, Barbara & Charles Ruch, Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Jen Bridenbaugh, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, 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 opportunities to share our faith with people we come into contact with and for the boldness and humbleness to take advantage of what God puts in our way.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month — CareNet Pregnancy Center who serves the greater Frederick Area and seeks to help women with unplanned pregnancies. Pray that through this ministry, many babies will be saved.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he moves toward mission work in East Asia. Pray that the Lord would provide for all of his needs and give him wisdom and guidance in his plans. Pray for his fundraising efforts as he hopes to leave in February.
- Pray for Kristen Lalley who is serving with Serge in Europe as she continues to recover from long Covid. Pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen her and bring her to full recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study**, fellowship and prayer time (no study time) followed by labeling new movers cards for anyone interested in staying.
- **Trustee/Session Plenary Meeting**, Monday, November 29th, 7:30 pm
- **Presbytery Meeting**, December 5th

Sunday School Information, THIS WEEK is the last scheduled Sunday school class for the fall tri-mester. Sunday school will resume January 9th. If you are interested in teaching any of the elementary aged children, contact Giny Socash admin@newhopeopc.org

Women's Christmas Party, Ladies, mark your calendars for the New Hope Ladies' Restful Christmas party on Friday, December 17 at 7PM at Joli Chism's house. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share (bake one if that's restful for you; buy one if that's restful for you) and a gift for the white elephant exchange if it's restful for you to participate.

Annual Reports, due to the church office by November 30th! If you are in charge of a particular ministry, please contact your committee chair to see what is needed/required. To do our best to observe the December resting month, we are asking that all annual report submissions are to Giny in the office by the 30th of November.

Women's Bible Study, calendar for reminder of the year. Visitors are welcome at any meeting!

- Dec. 1, 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and prayer (no Bible Study).
- Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m. Brunch. Bring a dish to share. Set up at 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 15, 22 and 29 No meetings
- Jan. 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Regular meetings restart (Bible Study, prayer and fellowship)

Men's Ministry, Iron Sharpens Iron as one man sharpens another (Prov 27:17). Men of New Hope OPC, set your alarms for a weekly Saturday morning R.C. Sproul video series "Dust to Glory" Starting January 8th from 8 to 10 am. The plan is for an informal time of fellowship and growth in knowledge and understanding of our faith and to become more like Christ. The Sproul series is a survey of New Testament topics critical to our understanding of scripture and the truth of the gospel. All men are welcome. Coffee will be served and who knows, occasionally food as well. This is a great way to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling" as Pastor Francis preached last week. How important is your growth in sanctification? Come on Saturdays starting in January and see. If you have any questions, ask Pastor Francis, David Porter or Monte Festog. See you on Jan 8th.

Nominations for Elder & Deacon, if you know of someone whom you would like to nominate for Elder or Deacon, please fill out a nomination form that can be found on the welcome table. Please make sure to talk to the person you want to nominate first before officially doing so.

Serving Today (11/28):

- Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Dan Bull, Jackie Plowman, Sue Bridenbaugh
- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Amy Wright, Laura VanDelden
- Nursery (Worship service): Cath Howard, Emily Jernigan, Joel Chism
- Sound: Jim Washburne
- Livestream: Lance Duvall

Serving Next Week (12/01):

- Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Dustin Mixon, Laura VanDelden
- Nursery (Worship service): Claudia Rigg Cynthia Wintermeyer Kaylee Auldridge
- Sound: Kim Hanlin
- Livestream: Moses Vidal

DAILY DEVOTION

Heidelberg Catechism 103. *What does God require in the fourth commandment?* First, that the ministry of the gospel and the schools [seminaries] be maintained; and that I, especially on the sabbath, that is, on the day of rest, diligently frequent the church of God, to hear his word, to use the sacraments, publicly to call upon the Lord, and contribute to the relief of the poor. Secondly, that all the days of my life I cease from my evil works, and yield myself to the Lord, to work by his Holy Spirit in me: and thus begin in this life the eternal sabbath.

Monday: Mark 6:30-34. What had the disciples been doing (6:7, 12-13)? How did Herod respond to this (6:16, 27-29)? How do you see the cost of faithful service in both 6:12f and 27-29? In light of this, why did Jesus charge them to retreat/rest? Observe Jesus' care for his servants. How can you make this resting month restful? Ask the Lord to give you rest, and to refresh you.

Tuesday: Mark 6:30-34. What reason does v 31 give for their need for rest? Can you relate to such a busy, hectic life? Jesus charges them to "come away to a secluded place." How can you creatively make even small secluded retreats this month to refresh, rebuild physically, emotionally, and spiritually (e.g. instead of Sunday school, listening to music with your household)? What did the disciples/you have to cut out to make this happen (e.g. social media, simple dinner, TV)?

Wednesday: Mark 6:30-34. The disciples did not go on an individual vacation. Who all went on this retreat? How would this retreat from doing provide opportunity for relationship building among the diverse disciples? Where can you do this this month? How would this retreat with Jesus provide opportunity to "go deep" with Him? How can you rest in some areas to "go deep" with Jesus this month? Consider Lk 10:39-42.

Thursday: Mark 6:30-34. How important is regular "active resting" to God (e.g. Gen 2:2, Ex 20:9f, Josh 1:13, 2 Chron 36:21, Mt 11:28, Rev 14:13)? Why is it so hard for us to rest (e.g. I have too much to do to reserve Sunday for God)? What might the disciples have said in response to Jesus' charge to rest (Mk 6:12-13, 30)? How does resting (Sundays and beyond) challenge your idols, and stretch your trust?

Friday: Mark 6:30-34. Despite Jesus' own need for rest, what does he do in vv 33-34? Contrast Jesus kingship with that of Herod (Mk 6:16-20, 25-27). Jesus had compassion on the needy. He is not a driver, but a compassionate king. He offers you rest (Mt 11:28). Rest in his perfect sacrifice for your sins, his perfect righteousness for your failures, and his promise to provide so you can rest.

Saturday: Read Luke 1:26-38. In v 38 how does Mary "rest" in the Lord despite life-changing news?