

WELCOME!



Worship ~ 10:30 am

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We are pleased that you are coming to worship at New Hope Presbyterian Church. In order to serve you well, please:

- ***Visit our Welcome Table***
- ***ESV Bibles are available on the welcome table for use during the service***
- ***Turn off the ringer on your electronic devices***
- ***Nursery is available for children up to age 4***
- ***Large Print bulletins available upon request***
- ***Children's bulletins available at the Welcome Table***
- ***Please fill out a gray visitor card if you are visiting and place it in the offering box***

Vision of New Hope Presbyterian Church

New Hope Presbyterian Church
is a grace and gospel-centered fellowship
which exists to magnify Jesus Christ
in the areas of worship, fellowship and outreach.

Morning Worship

April 17, 2022

Reflections

He has conferred on us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He has given us the hope of resurrection, the good news of immortality, the promise of the kingdom of heaven, the dignity of sonship. These he calls the spiritual blessings. And he adds in heavenly places, because these gifts are heavenly.

— Theodoret

In the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, we see God's decisive victory not only over death but over all God's other enemies as well. In that one climactic event, we see the certainty that someday, in the kingdom of God, there will be no more violence, war, jealousy, or death... These forces are still alive and at work in the world, but because of the victory that God won at Easter, their doom is certain.

—Stephen T. Davis

Approach to God

Prelude


Welcome

Call to Worship — Luke 24:1-7 (responsive)

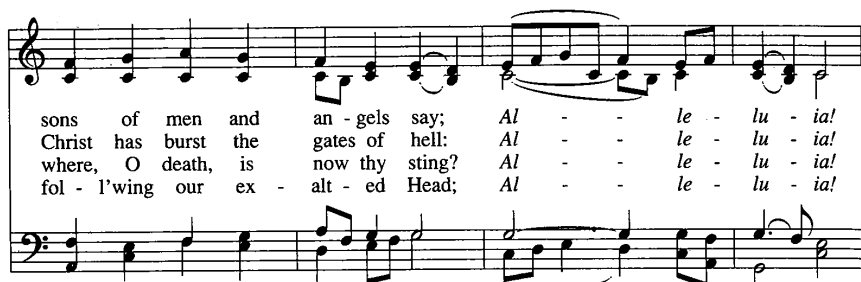
But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, **“Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”**

Praise


Song of Praise — Christ the Lord is Risen Today



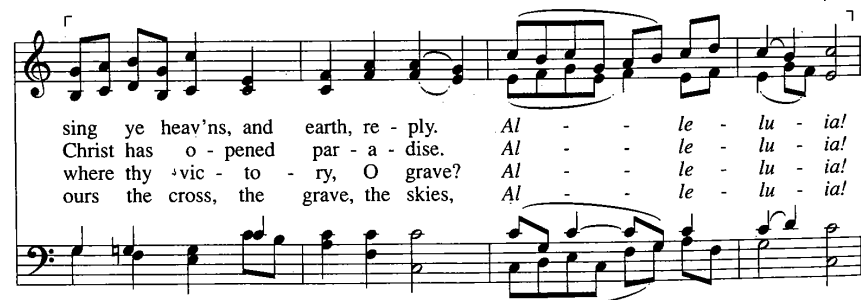
1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!



sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!



sing ye heay'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

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)

Chorus #1

*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 suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death!
Life is mine to live,
Won through your selfless love!
(chorus #2)

Chorus #2

*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)*

Living Hope

How great the chasm
that lay between us
How high the mountain
I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness,
Your loving-kindness tore through the
shadows of my soul
The work is finished,
the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace?
The God of ages
stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One
who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost
its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence,
the Roaring Lion declared the grave
has no claim on me (Repeat)

*Hallelujah, praise the One
who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost
its grip on me
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Confession of Sin — 1 John 1:8-9

⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

New Testament Reading — John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Children's Message — Karl Koops, elder

(children ages 10 and under are invited to come to the front for the children's message)

Commitment

Responsive Prayer (from the Valley of Vision "Resurrection")

O GOD OF MY EXODUS,

How great the joy

when the Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust.

Jesus strides forth as the victor,

conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might;

He bursts the bands of death,

tramples the powers of darkness down,

and lives forever.

He, my gracious surety,

taken for payment of my debt,

comes forth from the prison house of the grave

free, and triumphant over sin, Satan, and death.

You, who as Man of sorrows

was crowned with thorns,

are now as Lord of life wreathed with glory.

Once, no shame more deep than yours,

no agony more bitter,

no death more cruel.

Now, no exaltation more high,

no life more glorious,

no advocate more effective.

What more could be done than You have done!

Your death is my life,

your resurrection my peace,

your ascension my hope,

your prayers my comfort.

Hallelujah, Amen.

Response in Song — Christ Our Hope in Life & Death

What is our hope in life and death: Christ alone, Christ alone

What is our only confidence that our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand

What comes, apart from His command and what will keep us to the end,

The love of Christ, in which we stand

O sing hallelujah, Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah, Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul. God is good, God is good

Where is His grace and goodness known: in our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise, Who stands above the stormy trial

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ (chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives

And what reward will heaven bring everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord

Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore (chorus)

Offering* — Proverbs 14:31 ³¹Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Sermon Text — John 20:24-29

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Sermon — Thomas Believes

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Thomas Believes

John 20:24-29

Closing Song — Up From the Grave He Arose

Capo 1: (A) (D/A) (A) (E) (E⁷) (D/A) (A)

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior,
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

(D) (A) (F#m) (E/B) (B⁷) (E)

wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord.
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.
 he tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord.

REFRAIN
 (A) *Faster*

Up from the grave he a - rose, He a - rose!

(D) (A)

with a might - y tri - umph o'er his foes. He a - rose!

He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main, and he
 lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a - rose!
 He a - rose!
 He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!
 He a - rose!

Chord symbols: (E), (E⁷), (F[#]m), (D), (A), (D), (B), (E), (F[#]m), (E), (A), (D), (A/E), rit., (E⁷), (A) ♯

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Praise God for our risen Savior! Give thanks that Jesus came to earth and died for our sins so that we can be with him in heaven one day.
- Pray that we will have faith to believe the gospel and know it to be true.
- Pray that the ungodly curriculum being proposed for Frederick County Public schools will not be used. Pray for those in our congregation that serve as teachers in the school systems: that they will be compassionate with their students, firm in their faith, and have opportunity to bring light and hope those they come in contact with.
- Pray for peace and unity in our nation as we struggle with many difficult things and division. Pray that the churches will be committed to the truths of the scripture and that hearts and minds will be changed.
- Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and for Heero Haquebord, OPC missionary in Ukraine, in particular. Pray that he and his family and church will care well for the people from all over the country who are coming to L'viv for refuge.
- Pray for Alanna Duvall, Liesl Boyed, and Ellen Kennedy who are expecting new little ones. Pray for the continued health and safety of both moms and babies.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: David Mills, Tim Wesolek, Phyllis Brinson, Barbara & Charles Ruch, the Wright family, Jen Bridenbaugh, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, Bill Wright, 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 New Hope will have enough volunteers to staff a Good News Club this coming fall through Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pray that the Lord would put this ministry on peoples' hearts so that we can share the gospel with children in the public schools.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Luke Hake, as he begins his service to the Lord in East Asia. Pray for his continued safety, trust in the Lord, and joy in the work he has been called to. Praise God for his safe arrival.
- Pray for Kristen who is serving the Lord in Europe and building relationships within the local refugee community. Pray that the Lord would bless her efforts and allow her strong relationships with these folks so that she can share the gospel with them.
- Pray for Claire Hall who is in Merkinch, Scotland and ministering to the people who live in the poorest area of the city. Pray that the people in the schemes will hear and respond with open hearts to the gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Email List and Mailboxes, if you would like to be included in the church's email list (Friday News) or need a mailbox, please contact Giny at admin@newhopeopc.org. The Friday News comes out weekly and contains pertinent information, a digital copy of the bulletin, and a list of the songs that will be sung in the worship service.

Women's Bible Study, the last 3 weeks of April (April 13, 20, 27) the Women's Wednesday morning Bible study group will not be meeting for Bible study but will be using that time to visit folks in the congregation. Contact Jackie Plowman (plowjack72@gmail.com) for details.

Game Night!, Are you "board"? Do you have a "minute to win it"? If so then come to New Hope's Game Night, Saturday 4/23 6-9 pm. Family friendly games, drinks, and a popcorn bar provided. Feel free to bring your favorite game, a snack to share, and your friends and neighbors. Any questions, contact Monica Laird 410 963-6522 or monlaird@gmail.com

Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, April 21! Ladies, join us for dinner at 6:00pm at The Orchard Restaurant (N Market St, Frederick) and/or dessert around 8:00pm at Elease Layman's home (206 Blanca Ct, Frederick). RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, April 20 to Elease - 301.767.6848 or elease.layman@gmail.com.

FREE BOOKS, Pete Vidal left many great books are you are invited to take nay that interest you or would bless others. They are between the doors by the coat rack. Take what you would like.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Serving This Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Ron & Gingy Socash, Dustin Mixon
Toddler Nursery: Joel & Micah Poortenga, Kim Hanlin
Infant Nursery: Amy Wright
Children's Church: No Children's Church
Sound: Jim Washburne
Live Stream: Lance Duvall

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Laura VanDelden, Calvin Wright, Monte Festog
Toddler Nursery: Johanna Homon, Diana Neeriemer, Jack Socash
Infant Nursery: Mary Troxel
Children's Church: No Children's Church
Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: Isaac Wright

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text—John 20:29 ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Heidelberg Catechism 34: Why do you call him “our Lord”? Because he has redeemed us, both soul and body, from all our sins, not with silver or gold, but with his precious blood, and has delivered us from all the power of the devil; and thus has made us his own possession.

Monday: John 20:24-29. What does Jn 1:1, 18 claim? What does John 20:30-31 say is the point of the book? How does the Thomas incident tie in to John 1:1, 18? How could it be seen as the climax of the book? Meditate on and worship God for the glory of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection -for you!

Tuesday: John 20:24-25. The disciples “were saying,” we have seen the Lord. They were witnessing to Thomas. What evidences would they have given (John 20:5-7, 8-9, 15f, 19-23, Ps 16:10, Luke 9:22)? What is the place of historic witness in Christianity? How is Jesus’ resurrection the climax of that historic witness? How did Thomas respond to the others’ witnessing? Why? Pray for faith and assurance for yourself, and those who doubt.

Wednesday: John 20:26-27. What do you learn about Jesus character (Mt 11:29, 12:10) and love (Lk 19:10) in how he deals with Thomas? How *could* he have responded? Who did he? How did seeing, hearing, and potentially touching Jesus answer Thomas’ doubts (see 1 Jn 1:2-5)? What is Jesus’ charge to Thomas? Do you believe (v 31)? If yes, how has that changed how and why you live? If no, ask God to give you faith.

Thursday: John 20:28. What does “Lord” mean (see Heidelberg above)? What does Thomas confess when he calls Jesus “God” (Jn 20:31, 1:50, Jn 11:27, Mt 16:16)? Why is the repeated “my” so significant? How is Thomas’ expression faith? Worship? Are you casting your sinful soul on Jesus? Are you seeking to live and think in a way that honors God? Pray that the church would grow in this.

Friday: John 20:29. Although we do not have Jesus’ physical witness, what do we have that Thomas also had? What significant “extra” do we have (Jn 16:13)? How is the person blessed who believes in the Lord Jesus (e.g. Rom 8:15f, Eph 2:4f, 2 Cor 13:14)? Give thanks for these blessings.

Saturday: Read Acts 4:23-31. What hinders their bold speaking? What helps it?