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

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
- Children's Church is available during the sermon (suggested ages 4-6)
- 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**

March 26, 2023

#### Reflections

GOD'S work now is that of gathering. There was a time when it was scattering. Man built the tower of Babel, which was intended to be the center of unity, the armory of power, and the seat of dominion. But Man's center is not God's center, and therefore he confounded their language, and scattered them into nations, by whom the whole earth has been inhabited.

Now the Lord is gathering together in one the children of God which are scattered abroad. Jesus has made both Jew and Gentile one, breaking down every wall of partition, so that there is neither barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

The power and grace of God are continually drawing men from all nations and kindreds and tongues to the common hope, even the atonement made by the death of our Lord Jesus, and to the common service, even to service under the one and only Lord, of whom it is written, "One is your Master, even Christ; and all you are brethren."

~ C.H. Spurgeon

Approach to God

## Prelude

## Welcome

#### **Call to Worship** — Psalm 68:3-6 (responsive)

 <sup>3</sup> But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!
 <sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD:

#### exult before him!

<sup>5</sup> Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

<sup>6</sup> God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

# Praise

## **Songs of Praise**

#### **Everlasting**

Oh God our Redeemer, our Savior, our friend Creator of the universe Your goodness knows no end And our voices join with the thousands who Know mercy because of the cross All sinners washed in your precious blood Forever we will sing

From everlasting to everlasting, Praise be to you From everlasting to everlasting Praise be to you, oh God

Oh God our Deliverer, and Lord of all grace How can I stand in silence? When the heavens sing your praise And our voices join with the thousands who Know mercy because of the cross All sinners washed in your precious blood Forever we will sing

#### Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; Come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving And his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise. Praise his name. For the LORD is good And his love endures forever: His faithfulness continues through all Through all generations.

## Prayer of Adoration (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Renewal

## Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

#### **Confession of Sin** — Ephesians 4:1-3; Deut. 10:16-21 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

<sup>16</sup> Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. <sup>17</sup> For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. <sup>18</sup> He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup> He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. **Offering**\* — Psalm 37:21 <sup>21</sup> The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;

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

## **Response in Song**

#### The Glories of Calvary

Lord, You're calling me to come And behold the wondrous cross To explore the depths of grace That came to me at such a cost Where Your boundless love Conquered my boundless sin And mercy's arms were opened wide

My heart is filled with a thousand songs Proclaiming the glories of Calvary With every breath, Lord how I long To sing of Jesus who died for me Lord, take me deeper Into the glories of Calvary

Sinners find eternal joy In the triumph of Your wounds By our Savior's crimson flow Holy wrath has been removed And Your saints below Join with your saints above Rejoicing in the Risen Lamb

#### O Great God

O great God, of highest heav'n, Occupy my lowly heart. Own it all and reign supreme, Conquer every rebel pow'r. Let no vice or sin remain, That resists Your holy war, You have loved and purchased me, Make me Yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, Had no ears to hear Your voice, Did not know Your love within, Had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, Opened up Your Word to me, Through the gospel of Your Son, Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life, That's dependent on your grace, Keep my heart and guard my soul From the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised With my every Thought and deed, O great God of highest heav'n, Glorify Your Name through me. (repeat last 2 lines)

## Commitment

## **Congregational Prayer**

Children's Church Dismissal — Children ages 4-5 may be dismissed to children's church at parents' discretion

## Sermon Text — Isaiah 56:1-8

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man who does this. and the son of man who holds it fast. who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." <sup>3</sup>Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree. <sup>4</sup> For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, <sup>5</sup> I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. <sup>6</sup> "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it. and holds fast my covenant-<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." <sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

## Sermon — Foreigners and Misfits

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

# Foreigners and Misfits –

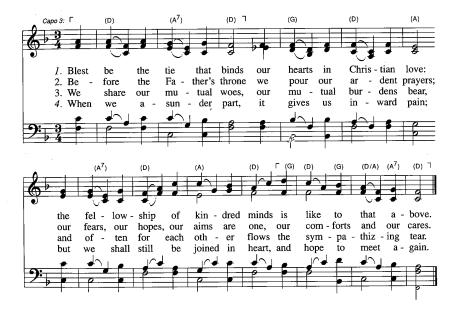
Isaiah 56:1-8

*Theme:* :All who do right while awaiting Jesus' kingdom are embraced as fully family members.

1. Do Right While you Wait (vv 1-2)

2. All Waiters Welcome (vv 3-8)

## Closing Hymn — Blest Be the Tie that Binds



- This glorious hope revives our courage by the way, while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.
- From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

## Benediction — Romans 15:5-7

<sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

## Postlude

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

#### <u>9:30 am</u>

Welcome Team:

Jeff & Kim Jernigan (early team) Monte Festog & Marc Quist (late team) Ron Socash, Ronnie Socash

## SS Nursery:

#### <u>10:30 am</u>

Toddler Nursery: Infant Nursery: Children's Church: Sound: Live Stream: Nursery On-call: Diana Neeriemer, Joy Nichols, Jack Socash Ann Burden Michelle Williams, Elaina Hake Ed Wright Isaac Wright Valory Snyder

#### Serving Next Week

#### <u>10:30 am</u>

Welcome Team:Ron & Gingy SocashToddler Nursery:Karen & Lizzy Ochs, Jacob MendezInfant Nursery:Dawn MyersChildren's Church:No Children's ChurchSound:Kim HanlinLive Stream:Lance DuvallNursery On-call:Betsy Lalley

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today	Last day of Sunday school!
Monday	Worship Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church
Wednesday	<ul> <li>Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Studies</li> <li>9:30 am class — sanctuary building, includes childcare.</li> <li>10:00 am class — meeting in C8, study on Hebrews</li> <li>Youth Group, 6-8 pm in C6</li> </ul>
Saturday	No Men's Discussion Group due to Resting Month

#### **Our Church Family**

- Pray for Rayann and Mike McGlamary as they mourn the loss of Rayann's mother earlier this week. Pray for comfort for them as they grieve this terrible loss.
- Pray for the New Hope worship committee as they meet this week. Pray for unity, wisdom, strength, and hearts of service.
- Pray for the upcoming resting month that we will be moved to reconnect with the Lord, with fellow believers, and find physical refreshment.
- Pray for the Board of Trustees as they meet this week. Pray that the Lord would give them wisdom as the serve the church by overseeing the church's finances and building needs. Give thanks for Connor Freeman and his good work as board president.
- Praise God for His goodness to us, for gathering together the misfit and the foreigner and engrafting us into his family. Pray that we will live as a people who are sons and daughters of the King!
- Pray for Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Cindy Pottala, and John & Muriel Hadidian who are all dealing with significant health struggles.
- Pray for Brittany Koops and Rachel Neahusan who are expecting new little ones. Pray for the heath and well-being of both moms and babies throughout the pregnancies.
- Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Pray for peace and for the aggression to stop. Pray that the Lord would turn hearts toward Him so that true peace will reign.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: those who are suffering from the effects of abuse, are grieving the loss of loved ones, are suffering with dementia or other chronic illnesses, are fighting cancer, or any other difficult trial.

#### Frederick Area

- Pray for the missions that we support financially: CareNet Pregnancy Center, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and the Frederick Rescue Mission.
- Pray that the churches in Frederick will be places that offer true hope that can only be found in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Ben & Heather Hopp who are serving the Lord in Haiti. Pray for safety to allow ministry travel and for the saints to persevere under sever trials they suffer in daily life.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake who is serving the Lord in Asia. Pray that he will persevere in the language learning process, that he will find joy in the work he is called to do, and that he will find ways to share the gospel with unbelievers around him.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford as they begin their fundraising process as they prepare to go as missionaries to Rwanda. Pray that the Lord would be gracious to allow for a quickness to this process so that they can head to the mission field soon. Pray that the Lord would give John and Rachel patience and trust in the Lord and His timing.

#### From Pastor Francis:

Dear New Hope family,

Thank you all for your birthday greetings, song, and many cards! I was touched and humbled. Thank you for your love, prayers, and appreciation. I lined my desk with your cards (a lot!) and they continue to make me smile. ~ Francis

- High School Mission Trip Sign up NOW, we are looking ahead to the summer of 2023 and the annual mission trip to the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, NJ. The week is July 8-15 and anyone in grade 8-12 is welcome to go. We need a firm commitment and a \$50 deposit no later than April 2, 2023. If you plan to go or would like more information, please contact Ann Burden (annburd6656@gmail.com) or Gingy Socash (admin@newhopeopc.org) if you want more information or have any interest in going.
- **OPC Evangelism & Church Planting conference,** Saturday April 22nd from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at Grace Fellowship OPC in Vienna, VA. To RSVP or learn more about it, visit https://tinyurl/OPCMissions.
- Approved for Membership, we are excited to let you know that the New Hope session interviewed and approved for membership that following people: Heath & Brittany Koops, Jordan & Kelsey Roberts, Johannes Haasbroek, and Tyler & Hannah Beck.
- **New Hope ladies,** you are invited to a prayer breakfast on Saturday, April 22 starting at 10:00 am. at the church. We will meet for breakfast and then spend time in prayer for our church, our families, the work of God to be done in our hearts. We will use the Lords prayer as a guide.

There will be a sign up in the lobby for bringing a breakfast item. Come out for fellowship and a time of coming to God with our hearts and our lives in prayer. Any questions contact Joy Nichols, Ann Burden, or Rosemarie Festog.

**Resting Month,** Why do we pause all non-worship activities every fourth month? For a sabbath, a rest, a time of intentional refreshment and relationship strengthening. Rebuild Relationally (God, family, church, neighbors), Refresh physically. What am I to do in this month? Purpose, Plan and Practice growing in these areas

Rebuild relationally:

- purpose to grow closer to **God** this month. Plan it and practice it. If you are not currently reading your Bible daily, commit to reading 1 chapter of Matthew each day. Or Mt 5-7 over and over. Use the daily devotions in the bulletin to help. Plan a time to pray each day. Watch something that will grow you spiritually instead of your usual.
- practice **hospitality** (at least) once this month. Get together with another congregant(s) and seek to grow spiritually together.

Maybe meet for prayer before church. Or a coffee and ask them what about life they find the hardest.

- Refresh Physically: fight to slow down this month and do something **refreshing**. go for a walk. read a book. shoot some hoops.
- **Growth Group Information**, below you will see the list of growth groups, their general dynamics, and when they meet. Several are likely meeting today! If you are interested in trying out one of these growth groups, contact the growth group leader to make sure they ARE meeting!
- Senior Group, meets the 1st Sunday of the month in the overflow room after church. Mostly older congregants. Contact Jackie Plowman (301.834.6489). Meeting on April 16th instead of April 1st next month.
- Pilgrims' Table, meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays in the overflow room after church. Mostly couples & singles in their 50s & older. Contact Dave Myers(304.820.2814)
- Fruitful & Multiplying, meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays after church in various homes around 1:00 pm to share a meal and study. Mostly couples with children. Contact Joel Poortenga(828.489.6624) or Steve Ochs (240.422.4130)
- East Frederick Growth Group, has begun meeting and looking for new members. Contact Dennis Caruso (240.285.0019).
- Ballenger Creek Growth Group, meeting the 2nd Sunday from 6-7:30 & the 4th Sunday at 5:30 for a potluck meal. Mixed ages, couples, singles, & children. Varied locations. Contact Pastor Francis (240.440.4580)
- Wye Creek Growth Group, meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the church in unit C6. Mixed ages, couples, singles & children. Contact Bruce Johnson(574.780.6482)
- Salt & Light, meets the 2nd Sunday after church for a potluck & the 4th Friday at various homes. Couples & singles, no children. Contact John/Patrice Jastrzembski (240.321.4562)
- Shepherd's Watch, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 at the Festog home. Contact Monte Festog (301.471.9424)

**Memory Text:** Isaiah 53:4-6 <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Heidelberg Catechism 103:** What does God require in the fourth commandment? ...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:** Isaiah 56:1. What is the command in v 1? What reason is given for it (see also Is 53:11, Mt 3:2). How is Jesus' coming kingdom supposed to change us now (e.g. Rom 13:11-14)? Justice is to keep God's commands. Righteousness is to live worthily. How does this verse challenge you? What will you change?

**Tuesday**: Isaiah 56:2. Why is Sabbath keeping a great way of communicating a true worshipper, or one who lives a radically God-centered life (56:6, 58:13-14, Ex 20:8f, Deut 5:15)? What does "keeping your hands from evil" mean more broadly (Mt 5:30, Ps 24:4, Rom 13:8-10)? How does Jesus' imminent return compel you to live a God-centered life, loving and serving our neighbor? Where is the Spirit convicting you to grow?

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 56:3-5. Why might a eunuch feel unwelcome among God's people (Deut 23:1, Gen 1:22, Ps 127:3)? How does God answer the eunuch's fear (v 5, Acts 8:36f, Rev 3:12, 14:1)? What unites God's people in Jesus' kingdom (v 4, Eph 2:15f)? Who might be equivalent to a eunuch in church today? How can you deeply welcome them?

**Thursday:** Isaiah 56:3, 6-7. What concern does the foreigner have? Why (Deut 23:3, Rom 9:4-5, Jn 4:9)? How has Jesus loved you, the alien/ foreigner (Eph 2:13, 1 Pet 2:9-11)? What will the foreigners enjoy in Jesus' kingdom (Is 56:7)? Who do you think feels like a misfit, or unwelcome at church? What does Deut 10:19 charge you to do for such a person? How will you do it?

**Friday:** Is 56:7-8 and Mark 11:15-18. Why does Mark quote Isaiah 56:7? What is God's expectation for *all* nations (v 8)? How is what the temple leaders allowed contrary to Is 56:7-8? How are you called as God's means to bring in the nations? Are you? How can our church's love of the "stranger" help in winning souls? Anticipate the day when what is promised in Is 56 becomes full reality.

**Saturday:** Contrast Isaiah 57:15 with Isaiah 58:3-6. Pray for tomorrow's service.