

WELCOME!



Sunday School ~ 9:30 am
Worship ~ 10:45 am

Morning Worship

March 24, 2024

Reflections

In verse 19 [of Ephesians 3], Paul says that the love of Christ for the church goes beyond what you can know, and in verse 20 he says that the power of God over the church goes beyond what you can think. When the massive weather front of God's love meets the massive weather front of God's power in the heart of a believer, it produces a hurricane of confidence called "Gloria"—a powerful doxology: "To him be GLORY in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen." ~John Piper

For us He has entered within the veil—and in every age and climate, praise makes melody in the ear of God, only as it is perfumed with the incense of His merits. As in the Church below, so in the Church above, His Name is as ointment poured forth. As in time, so in eternity, throughout all ages, world without end, the song shall be forever new, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."
~ Henry Law

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Steve Hake, elder

Prelude

Call to Worship — Isaiah 35:1-6 (responsive)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

**The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.**

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

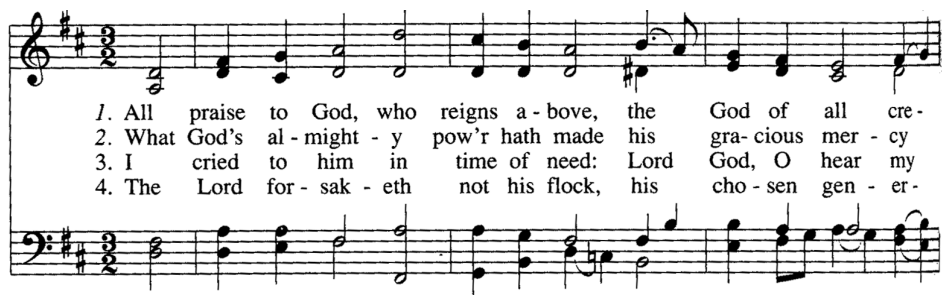
**⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;**

**⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.**

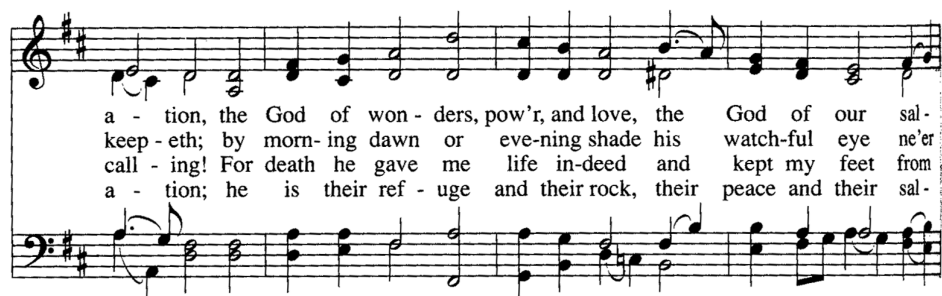
**For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert....**

Praise

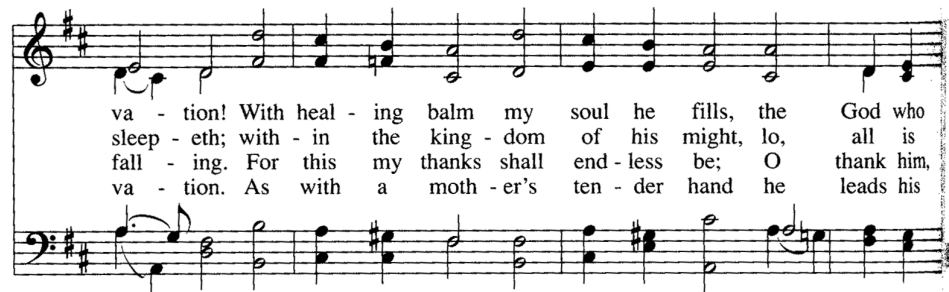
Hymn of Praise — All Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy
3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my
4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -
keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er
call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from
a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -



va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who
sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is
fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,
va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his



ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!
own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

Reaches of heaven,
starry heights
Lights of the evening
dancing in silent skies
Brilliance of morning,
breaking day
O let them praise Him,
praise His name

CHORUS

*O praise His name,
O praise His name
Let all His wondrous works
declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains,
peaceful plains
Snowfall and fire,
thundering ocean waves
Kings and their kingdoms,
age to age
O let them praise Him,
praise His name (chorus)

BRIDGE

King enthroned in majesty,
all things made by His decree
Hear creation's melody,
"Praise Him! Praise Him!"
Everything with life and breath,
everywhere from east to west
Every heart raised from the dead,
praise Him, praise Him
Angels echo the refrain,
"Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!"
Name above all other names,
praise Him

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging
Mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing
In grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices
day and night
In praise to You alone

*Hallelujah!
Glory be to our great God!
Hallelujah!
Glory be to our great God!*

Lord, we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
Before our sovereign God
(chorus)

Let every creature in the sea
And every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field
And valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word
(chorus 2x)

Renewal

Confession of Sin — Psalm 115:1, Romans 16:27, Hebrews 13:15

¹Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!
Amen.

¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 4:20-25

²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Commitment

Baptism — James Bradley & Fae Wallis Mixon, William Paul & Sarah Grace Sack

Offering* — *Matthew 6:2-4* ²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**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 — Because We Believe

We believe in God the Father (echo)
We believe in Christ the Son. (echo)
We believe in the Holy Spirit. (echo)
We are the Church and we stand as one. (echo)

*Holy, holy, holy is our God.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.
All glory and honor are His to receive;
To Jesus we sing, because we believe.*

We believe in the Holy Bible. (echo)
We believe in the virgin birth. (echo)
We believe in the resurrection, (echo)
That Christ one day, will return to earth. (echo)

We believe in the blood of Jesus. (echo)
We believe in eternal life. (echo)
We believe in the blood that frees us. (echo)
To become the Bride of Christ. (echo)

Congregational Prayer

Children ages 4-5 may be dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon Text — Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon — Far Surpassing Power and Eternal Praise

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Song — Have Your Way with Me, O God (page 8)

Far Surpassing Power & Eternal Praise

Ephesians 3:20-21

1. God's Surpassing Power (20)

2. God's Eternal Praise (21)

Closing Hymn — Have Your Way with Me, O God

Have Your way with me, O God, in the temple of my heart
Let reverent love and holy awe be lifted unto You
The truth my inmost being claim til sin and shadows flee away
Teach my feet to love Your ways and run the way You choose

Have Your way with me, O Lord, sin's pleasures I cannot afford
They left me destitute and poor now all I want is Christ
A passion for the gospel burns to love Your bride, the holy church
Wash me with Your blood and Word til I am sanctified

Holy Spirit, have Your way, I look to You for strength and faith
I need Your presence and Your grace to persevere this hour
Complete in me what You've begun
Keep me by Your sovereign love
In my weakness, Spirit, come and fill me with Your power

Jesus, have Your way with me
You bled for all who would believe
Let my life become a seed and give me grace to die
Display through my surrendered life
Your selfless love and sacrifice
Until Your glory fills the sky be praised and glorified

Benediction

Jude 24-25 — ²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

*Please come forward for prayers with our prayer team
after the service.*

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Wayne Greenfield, Chris Lear (early team)
Laura Caruso, Chris Boyles (late team)
SS Nursery: Elisa Godoy, Katie Poortenga

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Liesl Boyed, Jacob Mendez, Talia Poortenga,
Jessie VanDelden
Children's Church: Gingy Socash, Samantha VanDelden
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call: Mary Troxel
Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Porter

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Ron & Gingy Socash, Tim Howell
Toddler Nursery: Karen & David Ochs, Joy Nichols, Micah Poortenga
Children's Church: NO Children's Church
Sound: Lance Duvall
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Gingy Socash
Prayer Team: Mark & Sally Rice

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

- Tuesday** **Sermon Study group**, 4:00 pm in C8
- Wednesday** **Wednesday Bible Studies**
→ **10:00 am**, meeting in C8, no childcare provided
→ **10:00 am, usually** meeting at Amy Wright's home will NOT be meeting this week
- Friday** **Good Friday Service**, joint service with Faith PCA at 7:00 pm at Faith on Yellow Springs Road.
- Saturday** **Men's Ministry Discussion Group**, 8-10 am in the overflow room, discussing interesting or challenging passages from the Bible.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Praise God for the baptisms of the Mixon children and the Sack children and the joy that comes from welcoming them into the covenant family. Pray for their parents as they shepherd and care for them.
- Pray for the board of trustees as they meet this week and ask the Lord to give them wisdom, unity, and clarity as they oversee the physical and financial aspects of the church.
- Pray for wisdom and vision for the outreach committee as they meet this week and look for ways to encourage and lead the church in outreach and missions.
- Praise God that He is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us. Pray that we will bring Him glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.
- Pray for Barbara Ruch who is still in hospice care but doing well and is in good spirits. Pray, too, for her brother, Larry, who has also entered hospice with a probable sepsis infection. Pray that Mavis Bauer continues to improve physically so that she can return home.
- Pray for Michelle Williams, Alanna Duvall, and Hannah Graf who are expecting a new little ones. Pray for the health and well-being of both moms and babies throughout the pregnancies.
- 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 they will be places where the gospel is proclaimed and Christ honoring.
- Pray for those who serve in the local government. Pray for wisdom and moral decision-making as they govern, and hearts that are soft to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month, Voice of the Martyrs, a missionary organization that serves persecuted Christians in the world's most difficult and dangerous places to be a Christian. Pray for the Christians who are being persecuted in China and other areas that are hostile to the gospel.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he serves the Lord in west Asia and for continued joy in the work that he is called to do and that the gospel would break forth where he is and that people would be converted to faith in Christ. Pray, too, that the Lord would bless the time that he will have stateside.
- Continue to pray for John Clifford and his family as they prepare to move to Rwanda in May. Give thanks for their love and care for the Rwandan people and the desire that they have to share the gospel with them. Pray that the Lord would make clear to them where they are to live, serve, and spend their time in this new place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group multi-church event, Saturday, April 13th from 4:00 pm until 8:30 pm at New Hope. There will be dinner, devotions, games, gaga ball and more. For more details, and to help, contact Emma or Samantha VanDelden (emmagvand@gmail.com or samanthavd36@gmail.com).

Good Friday Service, we will be joining with Faith PCA on Friday, March 29th for the Good Friday Service. It will be held at Faith PCA at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Easter Sunday, we have a few things for you regarding Easter Sunday. There WILL NOT be Sunday school or children's church on Easter Sunday. However, there will be a children's message during the worship service. Please plan to arrive for fellowship at 10:30 am followed by the service at 10:45 am.

Sunday School, today is the last day of Sunday school. There will be no Sunday school next Sunday (Easter) and we will begin the resting month the following Sunday.

Resting Month, the resting month of April is right around the corner. There is no Sunday school, children's church, or any regularly scheduled activities or meeting during the resting month. Please seek to grow in relational depth and hospitality in this month.

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible study, the 10:00 am study that usually meets at Amy Wright's home WILL NOT be meeting this week (March 27th).

Ladies' Brunch, Ladies of New Hope: you are invited to a "Growing in Christ" ladies brunch on April 6 at 10:00 am. Any questions please contact Ann Burden, Joy Nichols or Rosemarie Festog. Please sign up on the sign up sheet on the welcome table. Invite a friend or neighbor to come along with you! Looking forward to spending time together.

Growth Groups, many of the growth groups are meeting this week for the last time before the resting month begins. Growth groups are important in the life of the church and in building relationships with one another. Many groups are looking for new members! You can find out more about each growth group by picking up a flyer on the welcome table that describes the various groups that are meeting. You can also talk to Dave Myers, the elder who oversees the growth groups, to find out more.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Verse — Ephesians 2:8-9 — ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Heidelberg Catechism 6 Did God then create man so wicked and perverse? *By no means; but God created man good, and after his own image, in true righteousness and holiness, that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love him and live with him in eternal happiness to glorify and praise him.*

Monday: Eph 3:20-21. This is a doxology, or praise to God for his excellence. Why does Paul burst into doxology here (review 3:14-19)? Do those truths move you to praise? If not, why not? If so, how can you deepen and increase your doxology? Consider Jude 24^{f**} and Hebrews 13:15^{f**}.

Tuesday: Eph 3:20. What exactly does Paul emphasize between the 2 “to hims”? What doubt does he anticipate the Ephesians will have regarding 2:16, 22, 3:17, 19? How do you share some of that doubt? How does he counteract that doubt? Consider Abraham’s faith in God’s power (Rom 4:18-21). Paul writes this verse to move us to absolute confidence in God’s power. Throughout the day direct your faith to God’s all-sufficiency and great power.

Wednesday: Eph 3:20. God’s sovereign power is objectively true (Job 9:4ff, Dan 4:34-37, Ps 29:3ff). How does Paul press the Ephesian Christians to notice the subjective power of God (20b)? How had they experienced the mighty power of God in themselves (Eph 1:3-14)? In their church (2:4f, 11-13)? In Paul (3:8)? Take some time to notice God’s powerful working in you, the church, and other believers. Praise God for this, and let it build your faith in God.

Thursday: Eph 3:21. God’s glory is the radiance and display of his excellencies and perfections. Reflect on how God’s glory is displayed in the church (e.g., Eph 1:5, 7, 2:4f, 17). How does the church actively praise God for his excellencies? This is the chief end of the church. How does that truth challenge/inform your view of: what happens Sunday, why we do it, its priority, your preparation for it, and its effect on you?

Friday: How does Mark 11:36 relate to Eph 3:20 and your own (unanswered) prayers? How does Mark 11:36 and 41-42 relate to Eph 3:21? This Good Friday, consider this John Piper quote: “In v 19 he says that the love of Christ for the church goes beyond what you can know. In v 20 he says that the power of God over the church goes beyond what you can think. When the massive weather front of God’s love meets the massive weather front of God’s power in the heart of a believer, it produces a hurricane of confidence called “Gloria”—a powerful doxology: “To him be GLORY in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen.”

*** f means the following verse, ff means the following verses.*