

WELCOME!



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

# WELCOME!

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 back 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 blue visitor card if you are visiting and place it in the offering box or give to a greeter***

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## ***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.

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# Morning Worship

October 20, 2024

## Reflections

*According to the New Testament, evangelism is just preaching the gospel, the evangel. It is a work of communication in which Christians make themselves mouthpieces for God's message of mercy to sinners. Anyone who faithfully delivers that message, under whatever circumstances, in a large meeting, in a small meeting, from a pulpit, or in a private conversation, is evangelizing. Since the divine message finds its climax in a plea from the Creator to a rebel world to turn and put faith in Christ, the delivering of it involves the summoning one's hearers to conversion.*

~ J.I. Packer

*A Christian comes to others only through Jesus Christ. Among men there is strife, "He is our peace," says Paul of Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:14). Without Christ there is discord between God and man and between man and man. Christ became the Mediator and made peace with God and among men. Without Christ we should not know God, we could not call upon Him, nor come to Him. But without Christ we also would not know our brother, nor could we come to him. The way is blocked by our own ego. Christ opened up the way to God and to our brother. Now Christians can live with one another in peace; they can love and serve one another; they can become one. But they continue to do so only by way of Jesus Christ. Only in Jesus Christ are we one, only through him are we bound together.*

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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## Approach to God

Welcome — Dennis Caruso, elder

## Prelude

**Call to Worship — Isaiah 52:3-10 (responsive)**

<sup>3</sup>For thus says the LORD: **"You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money."** <sup>4</sup>For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore what have I here," declares the LORD, "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail," declares the LORD, "and continually all the day my name is despised. <sup>6</sup>**Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.**"

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,

who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
 who publishes salvation,  
 who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

**<sup>8</sup> The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;  
 together they sing for joy;**

**for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.**

<sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,  
 for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

**<sup>10</sup> The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
 and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

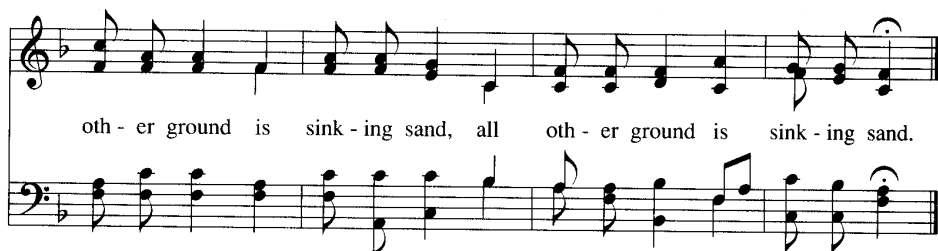
## Praise

### Hymn of Praise — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.



## Prayer of Adoration

### Songs of Praise

#### Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full at His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside, where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes. Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the morning, and see Christ the lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins (chorus)

Turn your eyes to the heavens, our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout  
"All Glory to Jesus alone!" (chorus)

## **All My Boast is in Jesus**

What wonder of wonders, what love is this  
That Christ would die for me  
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness, this sinner's only plea  
O foolish pride, be crucified  
The work is finished

*All my boast is in Jesus, all my hope is His love  
And I will glory forever, in what the cross has done*

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled  
with graces undeserved  
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill  
Let praises now return  
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord  
Who else is worthy? (chorus)

O praise the One forever blessed  
Him alone my heart adores  
And I will boast in nothing less  
Than the love of Christ, my Lord (2x)

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might  
But in the grace of God  
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ, in plenty or in want  
That I may know, that all may see  
His pow'r within me (chorus)

Now I stand in this freedom, ransomed, clean in His sight  
Oh, and I cannot be ashamed for  
My boast is Jesus Christ, my boast is Jesus Christ  
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

## **Renewal**

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### **Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:13-17**

<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.

## Confession of Sin — Ephesians 4:1-3, Romans 10:14-15

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>14</sup>How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

**Offering\*** — *Psalm 116:12-14* <sup>12</sup>What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, <sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

*\*You can give on-line at the New Hope website: [www.newhopeopc.org](http://www.newhopeopc.org) and click on the green “give” button in the corner.*

## Response in Song

### His Mercy is More

What love could remember  
no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

### CHORUS

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (chorus)

# Commitment

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## Congregational Prayer

*Children ages 4-5 are welcome to go to children's church at this time at parents' discretion.*

## Sermon Text — Ephesians 6:15

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>**and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.**

## Sermon — The Gospel of Peace

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

## Closing Song — Jesus What a Friend for Sinners (page 10)

## Benediction

## Postlude

*You are invited to come pray with the prayer team up front after the worship service.*



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# **The Gospel of Peace**

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Ephesians 6:15

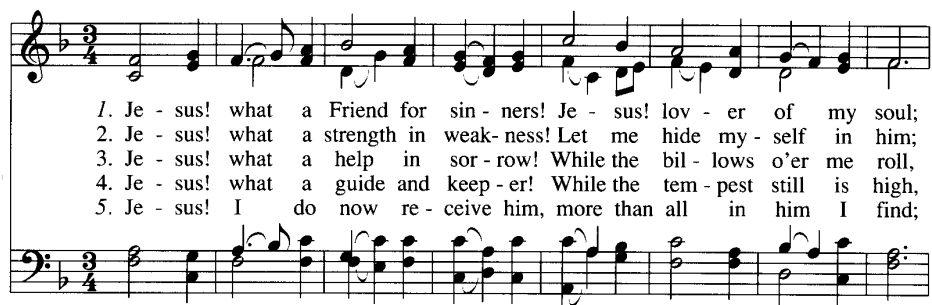
1. War Against Peace

2. Fitted with Peace

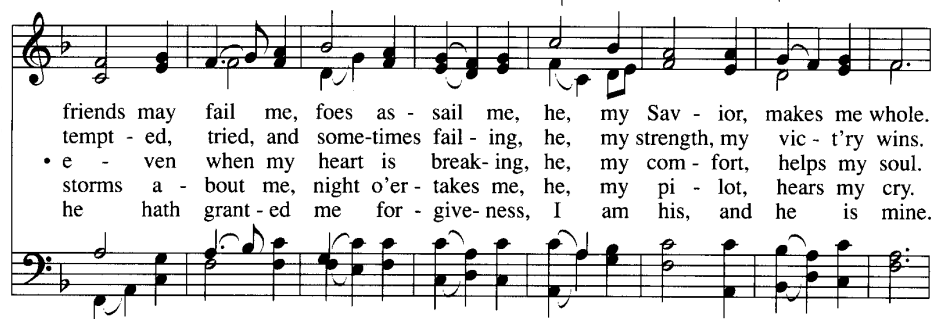
3. Stability

4. Mobility

# Closing Hymn — Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;  
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
 tempt - ed, tried, and some-times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.  
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

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Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

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 Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## **9:30 am**

Welcome Team: Marc Quist, Colin Brooks (early team)  
Mark & Sally Rice (late team)  
SS Nursery: Amy Wright, Dan Godoy

## **10:30 am**

Toddler Nursery: Dawn Myers, Brittney Koops, Jessie VanDelden  
Children's Church: Dennis Caruso, Samantha VanDelden  
Sound: Lance Duvall  
Live Stream: John Godoy  
Nursery On-call: Monica Laird  
Prayer Team: Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

## **Serving Next Week**

## **9:30 am**

Welcome Team: Dustin Mixon, Becky Wood (early team)  
Gene Wood, Laura Caruso (late team)  
SS Nursery: Dennis Caruso, Jeanne Lowry

## **10:30 am**

Toddler Nursery: Dawn Myers, Katie & Micah Poortenga  
Children's Church: Michelle Williams, Eliana Hake  
Sound: Mark Nichols  
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek  
Nursery On-call: Gingy Socash  
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

## **Today**

**Youth Slide Show!** Please plan to stay and watch a slide show of the recent youth retreat immediately following the worship service in the sanctuary.

## **Wednesday**

**Women's Bible study**, 10 am at the church, no childcare, studying Joseph's life

**Women's Bible study**, 10 am at Amy Wright's home, childcare provided, studying Exodus.

## **Saturday**

**Men's Ministry Discussion Group**, 8-10 am in the overflow room

**Ladies' Hike**, 10:00 pm, see announcement page for details.

**Youth Event at the Church**, 4:00 pm at New Hope, see announcement page for details.

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Pray for Calvin Wright and Talia Poortenga who are getting married this week and beginning a new life together. Pray that their union will be one that has Christ at the center, will be full of love and devotion, and will be marked with hearts of service toward one another.
- Pray for our elders as they lead the church. Pray for unity with one another, compassion toward their flock, and devotion to prayer and study of the scripture.
- Pray for Pastor Francis to grow deeper and more dependent in prayer.
- Pray for those who are in the military or police force and often put themselves in harm's way for our protection. Pray that the Lord would protect them, give them strength and wisdom and they live out their calling, and give them opportunity to put faith into action.
- Pray for the group of folks that plan to head to North Carolina in the next couple of weeks. Pray for them as they plan the trip and continue to pray for all the folks who have been affected by the flooding.
- 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 that the Lord will raise up folks from New Hope to serve in these missions.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with people in our sphere of influence and for boldness and wisdom to act when those opportunities arise.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our mission of the month, the OPC Short-term Missions and Disaster Response. Pray for wisdom for those in leadership as they make decisions about where to serve and how best to use their resources. Give thanks for the many men and women who are prepared to go and serve at a moment's notice!
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their family as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Continue to pray for protection for their family as the virus in Rwanda continues to grow. Pray that it will stop and that healthcare workers will not be overwhelmed. Give thanks for the many ministry options that God is bringing their way. Pray that they will have wisdom to know where to invest their time and energy for the sake of the Kingdom.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake as he ministers in central Asia and seeks the Lord's guidance on his next steps. Pray for him as he works on language learning and building relationships with those around him.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**, the regularly scheduled evening Bible study and all the children's ministries that were to meet this coming Wednesday (the 23rd) will be cancelled this week. The next evening Bible will meet on November 6th.

**Youth Group Event**, There is a youth group multi-church event, Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 4:00pm to 8:30pm at New Hope. There will be dinner, devotions, gaga ball, games, fellowship, and more. It is for all youth from 6th-12th grade or a couple years older. Parents are welcome to stay. Please dress for active indoor and outdoor activities and RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Emma ([emmagvand@gmail.com](mailto:emmagvand@gmail.com)) or Samantha ([samanthavd36@gmail.com](mailto:samanthavd36@gmail.com)) VanDelden.

**Men's Retreat**, mark your calendars, men, for the upcoming Men's Retreat. It will be held at New Hope from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on November 9th. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby with more details included. See Monte Festog ([festogm@hotmail.com](mailto:festogm@hotmail.com)) if you have any questions.

**Ladies' Hike**, Saturday, October 26th. Meeting at Karen Ochs' home (908 Chestnut Street, Frederick, 21703) at 10:00 am and hiking to Annapolis Rock. If you are interested in going, please RSVP to Ann Burden at [annburd6656@gmail.com](mailto:annburd6656@gmail.com)

**Helping Trip to North Carolina**, if you have any questions about making supply donations to this trip that will be happening October 31st, or are interested in going along, please contact Jordan Roberts at [jordan.roberts234@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.roberts234@gmail.com).

**Just a Reminder, Parents!**, please be aware of where your children are on Sundays after church. Please keep them from running in the sanctuary and down the hallways to help protect our seniors from a possible run-in. Please remind them to keep to the playground area when outside and, if they are using the basketballs or soccer balls, to use them in the appropriate way. Also, the lower parking lot can be hazardous!

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## Ministry Highlights

Over the next several weeks, we are going to highlight one or two ministries in the bulletin to help folks know about the various ministries in the church, who oversees them, and how they function. Please take some time to read these highlights so that you will have more knowledge and know if maybe you might want to serve in any of them!

## Communications

**Announcements:** Although "announcements" isn't technically at ministry, it is a part of a ministry, the Worship Committee, and our Sunday morning

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worship. How the announcements are done on Sundays has always been a perplexing problem. Communication with the church body is a very important thing, and yet, we come into the sanctuary to worship God, hear from His word, and spend time with Him. Verbal announcements can interrupt worship or be a distraction and take away from what we are intended to be doing during the worship service.

As is often the case, getting information to folks when they are all in the same place is helpful and important. Last minute pieces of information sometimes comes our way and needs to be communicated. As the worship committee debated the best way to handle announcements, they have decided to try displaying important announcements on the pull-down screen in the front of the sanctuary from 10:20-10:40 am (during the fellowship time). The hope is that people will see these announcements BEFORE the worship service and then can begin preparing for worship beginning at 10:40 am. This is a trial period and will be evaluated after the first of the year and whether or not it was helpful.

What will be allowed to be a part of the announcements? Anything that directly benefits or promotes ministries or activities for the congregation of New Hope. Anything other than that will not be shown on the screen.

What is the process by which announcements are vetted and promoted? Send your announcement to Gingy in the office no later than end of day on Thursday. Anything later than that will not be considered for the upcoming Sunday. If there is anything questionable about the announcement, the worship committee will be asked to weigh in on if it can be broadcast.

**Facebook:** New Hope has a private Facebook page that was created to promote and enhance communication within the congregation of New Hope and its friends. Our desire is to provide a place to share church related information, to give encouragement to the congregation, to give things away, to solicit help for church related functions or for church members, and to share news that affects the congregation. There is a list of guidelines on the page. Anyone that is a part of the New Hope congregation is encouraged to join if you have Facebook. It is a private group and membership to the group is by request. You can find it by searching “New Hope OPC.”

**Email Loop:** every week two emails are sent from the church admin to the entire congregation with the purpose of promoting communication to all of the body. If you are attending New Hope and would like to be a part of this email loop, please email Gingy at [admin@newhopeopc.org](mailto:admin@newhopeopc.org).

**Church Website:** New Hope's church website is [www.newhopeopc.org](http://www.newhopeopc.org). Although plans are in the works to update the website and change it, it is still functioning and you can find many important things on it including, the recordings of the sermons, the daily devotions, the link to the serving schedule, recorded Sunday school classes, the church calendar, and many other things.

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

**Memory Text — Ephesians 6:13-15** <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

**Westminster Shorter Catechism 36** What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification? *The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.*

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**Monday:** Eph 6:15. Consider peace in the context of Eph 6:11-12. How does Satan fight against peace with God (e.g. Eph 2:1-3, 2 Cor 4:4)? Peace in the church (e.g. 2:14, 1 Cor 11:18)? The peace of believers (e.g. Mt 6:25)? Pray specific prayers for the Prince of Peace to destroy Satan's work.

**Tuesday:** Eph 6:15. With what did the prophets equate peace in Is 52:7, Nahum 1:15? How is Jesus the Prince of Peace who produces peace (Eph 2:13-18)? Do you wear the peace of Christ (Rom 5:1-2)? What does it look like for you to appropriate the gospel of peace in daily life?

**Wednesday:** Eph 6:15. The Roman soldier's sandal-boot had studs on the bottom. Why is that important? How might the gospel of peace produce a spiritual stability (e.g. Rom 8:1)? A strength to stand on conviction and truth no matter the cost (Heb 13:5-6, Acts 5:29)? Are you standing strong? Do you know and hold to biblical convictions? How can you grow in spiritual stability?

**Thursday:** Eph 6:15. The Roman soldier's boots also provided mobility. Satan is anti-peace, and loves to bring division, judgment, fighting. How does the gospel of peace free the believer from a "need" to fight, judge, etc (James 4:1-6, Phil 2:1-8)? Where and how can you bring peace to a specific conflict, relationship, or situation? Pray for wisdom, words, and courage.

**Friday:** Eph 6:15. The Roman soldier's boots provide mobility to invade the enemy's stronghold. Consider how Rom 10:14-17 and Is 52:1-10 show Eph 6:15 includes a call to bring the gospel of peace to unbelievers. Do you have a specific unbeliever on your mind? Pray for more love, opportunity, courage, as well as others to help water. Imagine what the Lord can do in crushing Satan's power as you pray and witness!

**Saturday:** Read Ephesians 6:16 in preparation for next week's sermon.