

THEHAVEN



A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

**Meeting at Ascension Lutheran Church,
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Deer Park, NY 11729
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*Then they were glad that the waters were quiet
and He brought them to their desired haven.*

Psalm 107:30

**The Lord's Day
May 26, 2019 - Celebrating Christ's Ascension
A Service of Covenant Renewal
4:30 p.m.**

† **A warm welcome to our visitors:** If this is your first visit, we invite you to sign the guest register at the welcome table in the foyer. Your name and contact information will be kept strictly confidential, and used only for personal contact with you and your family. Please also accept our Welcome Pack for first time guests. Learn more about The Haven, OPC and why we want you to come back and be part of this growing community of people learning about Jesus Christ as the Great Haven. Also, please join us in the gymnasium for Haven Food and Fellowship after this afternoon's worship service and Open Forum.

† **Our Sunday Schedule:**

4:30 p.m. Worship/Outreach

5:45 p.m. Haven News Update & Prayer Time for adults (remain in the sanctuary)
Young Disciples Meetings (children through grade 4 will follow our
Bible School staff to their classroom.)

6:20 p.m. The Haven Food and Fellowship in the gymnasium.

† **Nursery** is available during worship for children ages 2 and under. Please speak to one of the greeters if you wish to use the nursery for your child. If you'd like to volunteer for nursery duty, speak with Margaret Shishko.

† The concept of "**covenant renewal**" is beautifully introduced in our Directory for Public Worship: *"The triune God assembles his covenant people for public worship in order to manifest and renew their covenant bond with him and one another. The Holy Spirit engages them and draws them into the Father's presence as a living sacrifice in Christ. God himself has fellowship with them, strengthening and guiding them for life in his presence and service in his kingdom."*

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Worship/Outreach
The Lord's Day — Sunday, May 26, 2019
Worship 4:30 PM
Preparation for Worship: Psalm 3:1-8

THE LORD OUR GOD CALLS US

Salutation:

Pastor: Congregation of the People of God: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Amen!

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 24:7-10*

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates!.

People: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty. The Lord mighty in battle!

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates!.

People: And lift them up. O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord of Hosts! He is the King of glory!

† **Opening hymn:** "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2N0iVysrykU>

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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1. Re - joi - ce, 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 'til all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

Refrain

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 - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

†Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth!

†Opening Prayer

People: Amen!

THE LORD OUR GOD CLEANSSES US

Meditation on the Third Commandment of the Law of God

Confession of Sin (*kneeling if able*)

(Use this time for your own personal confession of sin).

Corporate Confession: *Our God whose Name is Holy: We confess how carelessly we treat all of the ways in which you make yourself known. In so many ways we dishonor our own bodies, which are made in your image. In so many ways we do not live up to the profession we ought to have as those baptized into the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Your Word opens up the beauty and wonder of your Name, but we give so little attention to that Word. Forgive us, O Lord. We are humbled by all of the ways that we take your Name in vain; but we thank you that your Name is also a name of grace, mercy, and love. For your Name's sake, cleanse us from all unrighteousness and grant the Holy Spirit that we might walk in a manner worthy of your glorious Name. We ask this is the Name that is above all names, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

†Assurance of Pardon: Acts 4:1

People: Thanks be to God!

†Our response of praise: "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

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Arise, My Soul, Arise

He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Heb. 7:25

1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US

New Covenant Reading 1: Luke 24:50-53

50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. **51** While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. **52** And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, **53** and were continually in the temple blessing God.

New Covenant Reading 2: Acts 1:7-11

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **9** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, **11** and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Pastor: The grass withers, and the flowers fade away; but the word of our God will stand forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

†Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Christians, what do you believe, and in whom do you trust?

All:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen!

†We Prepare Our Hearts for the Word of God Preached:

Hymn: "Speak, O Lord"

Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubRIJj8xkds>

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Speak O Lord

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

F/A G/B C² F C F C



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You ___ to re - ceive the food ___ of Your
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ___ ho - ly rev - er - ence, ___ true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; ___ Help us grasp the heights ___ of Your

4 Am G/B F/A G/B C² F C



ho - ly word. ___ Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; ___ Shape and
-mil - i - ty. ___ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes ___ in the
plans for us. ___ Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, ___ that will

7 F C/E F G C C/E G G/F C/E



fash - ion us ___ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance ___ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down ___ through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

10 G^{sus}/F G⁹/F C²/E G G/F C/E Am G^{sus} G F/A G/B C²



seen ___ to - day ___ in our acts of love and our deeds of ___ faith. ___ Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes ___ to see ___ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. ___ Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es; ___ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with ___ us. ___ Speak, O Lord, till Your

14 F C F C/E F G^{sus} G C



-fill in us ___ all Your pur - pos - es, ___ for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; ___ Let their truth pre - vail ___ o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built ___ and the earth is filled ___ with Your glo - ry.

Pastor: *Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation*

People: Amen!

Sermon: *“He Ascended Into Heaven”*

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God Preached

People: Amen!

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

†Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord’s Prayer with hands raised)

All: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen!

Closing Hymn of Commitment: *“O God, Your Judgments Give the King”*

(From Psalm 72)

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The Lord Our God Commissions Us

†[Hands Raised] Benediction

People: Amen!

SONG OF THE MONTH: “ O CHURCH, ARISE”

Last printed page of this bulletin - Practice at home during the week

Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZmS81yLjMg>

O God, Your Judgments Give the King

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Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.
Ps. 72:1

1. O God, your judgments give the King, his son your righteous-ness;
2. The people's poor ones he shall judge, the needy's children bless;
3. His large and great dominion shall from sea to sea extend;
4. Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,

with right he shall your people judge, your poor with upright-ness.
and he will break in pieces those who would the poor oppress.
it from the River shall reach forth to earth's remotest end.
for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.

And then the mountains shall bring forth to all the people peace;
The just shall flourish in his days, and prosper in his reign;
Yea, kings shall all be before him bow, all nations shall obey;
And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity.

the hills because of righteousness their blessing shall increase.
and while the moon endures he shall abundant peace maintain.
he'll save the needy when they cry, the poor who have no stay.
The whole earth let his glory fill; amen, so let it be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **The Haven Young Adult Disciples (age 13 and up):** We're back to meeting on the first and third Sundays of the month from 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. This is your time to fellowship and to discuss issues facing you as you seek to bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. And, yes, we'll have pizza! Our next meeting:

Sunday, June 2: We meet at the Brewer's home (66 East 2nd St., Deer Park) We'll finish discussing *Self-Image and Identity*", and then we'll be ready for our June 16 meeting: *Peer Pressure: Strategy and Tactics to Battle It!* Put the dates in your calendars!

✦ **"A Visit to the Pastor's Study,"** the weekly radio program hosted by Pastor Bill Shishko is broadcast at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays on WBWD, 540 AM. You can also listen to the podcasts on sermonaudio.com (Search *A Visit to the Pastor's Study*) or visitthepastorsstudy.org The programs for June:

Sunday, June 2: Open Forum What is a Female? (Guest: Margaret Shishko)
Sunday, June 9: Financial Planning, 1 (Guest: Fran Caraco)
Sunday, June 16: Financial Planning, 2 (Guest, Fran Caraco)
Sunday, June 23: Money Matters Guest, Pastor Meint Ploegman)
Sunday, June 30: Prayer (Rerun - 03/09 program)

✦ **Sing!** Our monthly "choir practice" is at the home of John & Mary Vaeth (46 Monell Ave., Islip) on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. This is a time to build our repertoire of "Haven Hymns. Our next *Sing!* meeting is Wednesday, June 5. (Send hymns you'd like to sing at these meetings to Pastor Bill at WShishko@gmail.com and Mary Vaeth at maryscoop714@gmail.com)

✦ **Saturday, June, 22: Presbytery picnic at Eisenhower Park (East Meadow).** This is hosted by the OPC Franklin Square. It's held at the Scarlet Oak Picnic area. Let Flo Warnock know if you're planning to attend: tgwarnock@aol.com

✦ **Today's Sermon** will be available tomorrow on sermonaudio.com at "The Haven, OPC" site (Search *The Haven, OPC*) You'll also be able to access the sermon from our own website www.thehavenli.com

✦ **Pastoral Needs:** To contact Pastor Bill, his study phone number is (516) 593-1507, or you can reach him by e mail at WShishko@gmail.com

The Haven Heart to Heart

Pastor Bill answers your questions about The Haven, OPC and its ministry

Question: Is The Haven, OPC Calvinist? I've been told that Calvinism is dangerous - even that it's a heresy. Is that wrong?

Pastor Bill responds:

“Calvinism” is the name attached to the system of doctrine that was taught very ably by the great Protestant Reformer, John Calvin (1509-1564). Frankly, John Calvin would be very upset if his teachings were called “Calvinism”. He simply opened up, by his preaching, teaching, and writings, the doctrines that are taught in the Word of God. Yes, The Haven, OPC is committed to those doctrines.

But it's tragic (and very wrong) that you have been taught that “Calvinism” (I'll use the term for convenience sake - despite what John Calvin would say!) is “dangerous” and heretical. What is dangerous or heretical about doctrines that are clearly taught in the Word of God? The reason people become “Calvinists” is because, as they read the Word of God, they see the teachings commonly associated with “Calvinism” so obviously presented in the Scriptures. For example:

- God's Sovereignty (the doctrine that is the hallmark of Calvinism): *For from him, and through him, and to him, are all things. To him be glory forever.* Romans 11:36 (See also - among many other passages - Job 42:1,2; Daniel 4:34,35; Ephesians 1:11)
- Total Depravity (Not that human beings are as bad as they could be - thank the Lord for that! - but that every part of what we are is radically affected by sin): Read Romans 3:9-20 for just one biblical MRI of the human condition “in Adam”, i.e. by nature.
- Unconditional Election (We don't first choose God, He chooses us!). Read Romans 9 and Ephesians 1:3-10 and ask yourselves, honestly, what they say about “election”.
- Limited Atonement (Better “Full Atonement”: The benefits of Christ's perfect obedience and death are ONLY for the elect, but that work REALLY saves us from our sins) See Matthew 1:21, John 17:2, Acts 20:28, Ephesians 5:25
- Irresistible Grace (God is really able to change the hardest of human hearts!). See Ezekiel 11:19, John 5:21, Ephesians 1:19,20, Colossians 2:13.
- Perseverance of the Saints (Those whom God has chosen, for whom Christ died, and who are saved by the sovereign power of God WILL persevere to the end because they are kept by God). See John 6:37, 10:25-30, Romans 8:28-39, I Peter 1:3-5.

I hope you see that these doctrines commonly associated with “Calvinism” are obviously taught in the Bible. They are clearly not “heretical”. But why were you told they are “dangerous”? We'll look at that in the next Haven Heart to Heart.

O Church Arise

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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VERSE

A^{7sus} D G/B A/C#

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give _

3 D/F# G A^{SUS} A D A^{7sus} D G/B A/C#

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a

7 D/F# G A^{SUS} A D D/F# G D/F# A D/F#

strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a -
fight with faith and val - our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
serv - ant, good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

11 G D/F# Bm A A^{7sus} D

-gainst the dev - il's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for
-merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger