

# THEHAVEN



**A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church**

**Meeting at Ascension Lutheran Church,  
33 Bayshore Rd.,  
Deer Park, NY 11729  
[www.thehavenli.com](http://www.thehavenli.com)**

*Then they were glad that the waters were quiet  
and He brought them to their desired haven.*

*Psalms 107:30*

**The Lord's Day,  
October 27, 2019  
A Service of Covenant Renewal  
4:30 p.m.**

## Welcome!

✦ **A warm welcome to our visitors:** If this is your first visit, please sign the guest register at the welcome table in the foyer. 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.

✦ **Today's Sunday Schedule:**

**4:30 p.m. Worship/Outreach (followed by announcements and news updates).**

**6:15 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, e mail Margaret Shishko: [mamashish123@gmail.com](mailto:mamashish123@gmail.com)

✦ 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."*

✦ **We celebrate the Lord's Supper** every Sunday as the climax of our covenant renewal worship. If you are visiting with us, we invite to the Table those who have received Christian baptism, have publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ, and are members in good standing of a church in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully taught and practiced. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us you are publicly acknowledging that you are seeking to walk in godliness before the Lord,. If you have any questions about whether you should partake of the Supper, please speak to the pastor either before or after the service.

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✦ **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](mailto:WShishko@gmail.com)

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**Worship/Outreach**  
**The Lord's Day — Sunday, October 27, 2019**  
**Worship 4:30 PM**  
**Preparation for Worship: Psalm 22:1-31**

**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 113

*Pastor:* Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

*People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!*

*Pastor:* From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

*People: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory is above the heavens.*

*Pastor:* Who is like the Lord our God who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

*People: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with the princes of his people.*

*Pastor:* He gives the barren woman a home, making her a joyous mother of children.

*People: Praise the Lord!*

**† Opening Hymn “Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise” (Psalm 113A, TPH)**

Learn the tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WajqzfMwXQo>  
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## Psalm 113A



1. <sup>1</sup>Hal - le - lu - jah! Raise, O raise to the LORD our song of praise!  
2. <sup>2</sup>From this time and ev - er - more bless the name of God the LORD.  
3. <sup>4</sup>Far a - bove the na - tions high, glo - rious far a - bove the sky,  
4. <sup>7</sup>From the dust he lifts the low, from the ash heap takes the poor,  
5. <sup>9</sup>He gives bar - ren wom - en sons, bless - ing them with hap - py homes

Praise, O ser - vants of the LORD, praise the name of God the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup>From the sun - rise to its rest, may the name of God be blest.  
• <sup>5</sup>who is like the LORD on high, <sup>6</sup>gaz - ing down on earth and sky?  
<sup>8</sup>makes them with the princ - es stand, with the princ - es of the land.  
filled with joy - ful moth - er - hood. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD!

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Anonymous  
arr. John B. Wilkes, 1861

**†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 Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

Confession of Sin (kneeling if able) - Begin with personal confession before God.

**Corporate Confession:** *God of Peace: Forgive us when we are war-makers rather than peacemakers. Forgive us for our argumentativeness, our harshness, our unreasonableness, and for our malicious impatience rather than for our being gracious and long-suffering. Forgive us for holding grudges and not letting love cover a multitude of transgressions. And forgive us when we compromise truth in the name of peace. Remind us, Lord, that love, like wisdom, is first pure, then peaceable. Grant us grace so that, as far as it depends upon us, we are at peace with all people. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen!*

**†Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1**

***People: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!***

**†Our Response of Praise: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us**

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Learn the hymn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzQj7XvKFmA>

# How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Words and Music  
STUART TOWNE

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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that  
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished  
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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## **THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US**

### **SCRIPTURE READING: II CORINTHIANS 1:3-11**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. 6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. 11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

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

***People: Thanks be to God!***

## **†Corporate Confession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism**

### **Lord's Day 4: Of Sin & Misery**

9 Q. *But doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?*

A. No, God created man with the ability to keep the law. Man, however, tempted by the devil, in reckless disobedience, robbed himself and his descendants of these gifts.

10 Q. *Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?*

A. Certainly not! He is terribly angry about the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge he punishes them now and in eternity. He has declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them.

11 Q. *But isn't God also merciful?*

A. God is certainly merciful, but he is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty - eternal punishment of body and soul.

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

**Psalm : “Forever Settled in the Heavens” (Psalm 119:89-97)**

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Learn the tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnOMtnhweAk>



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## Forever Settled in the Heavens

*Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Ps. 119:89*

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is D major (two sharps). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in four verses, with the first verse starting on the first line of the treble staff and subsequent verses starting on the second line. The guitar chords are indicated above the treble staff.

**Chords:** D, A<sup>7</sup>, D, G, D, A, E<sup>7</sup>, A, D, G, D, Em, D, A, D, A<sup>7</sup>, D, G, A<sup>7</sup>, D, A, D, G, C<sup>#dim</sup>, D, Em, D, A<sup>7</sup>, D.

**Lyrics:**

1. For - ev - er set - tled in the heav'ns, thy word, O  
 2. Thy word and works un - moved re - main, thine ev - 'ry  
 3. I should have per - ished in my woe had not I  
 4. The wick - ed would de - stroy my soul, but in thy

Lord, shall firm - ly stand; thy faith - ful - ness shall nev - er  
 pur - pose to ful - fil; all things are thine and thee o -  
 loved thy law di - vine; that law I nev - er can for -  
 truth is ref - uge sure; ex - ceed - ing broad is thy com -

fail; the earth a - bides at thy com - mand.  
 bey, and all as ser - vants wait thy will.  
 get; O save me, Lord, for I am thine.  
 mand, and in per - fec - tion shall en - dure.

*Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God to be Preached*

**People: Amen!**

**Sermon:** *“Comfort My People”* (Pastor Ben Miller)

*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!*

### **The Lord Our God Communes With Us**

Meditation; Lord’s Supper Celebration

(Heads of households, please come forward to receive the elements for your household. Enjoy communion with one another while the elements are being distributed.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**People: Amen!**

**Closing Hymn of Celebration:** *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* (Turn to next page)

**Learn the hymn and the tune:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcCwUF0s-Y>

### **The Lord Our God Commissions Us**

†[Hands Raised] *Pastor:* Benediction

*People: Amen!*

*Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus’ Name!*

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**PSALM TO LEARN:** *“O GOD, YOUR JUDGMENTS GIVE THE KING”* (PSALM 72, TPH)

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# The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Psalm 23

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Old Irish hymn melody

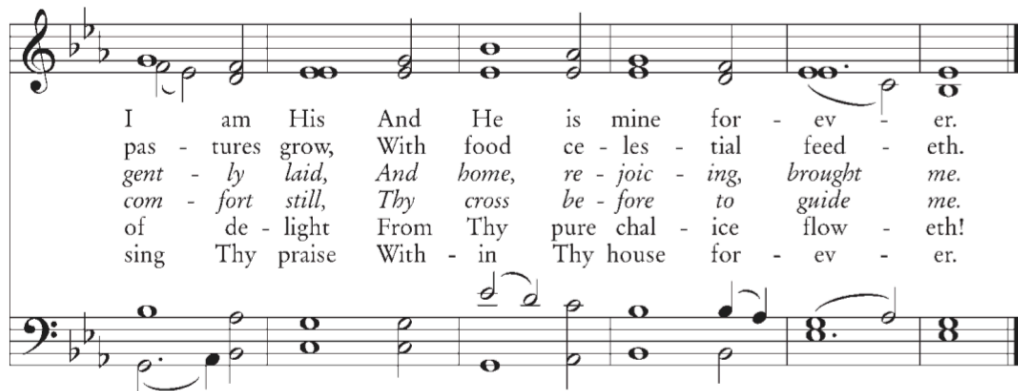
Henry W. Baker, 1868



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine  
6. And so through all the length of days Thy



good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant  
yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der  
Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my  
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans - port  
good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!  
sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **Welcome Again to Pastor Ben Miller:** Pastor Miller is pastor of Trinity Church (OPC) in Syosset. Many thanks to him for filling in today in Pastor Shishko's absence.

✦ **Pastor Bill** is at Reformation Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Virginia Beach, Virginia. This evening he concludes his long weekend Reformation Conference ministry on the topic of The Holy Spirit. Pray for good fruit from that conference. And pray for Pastor Bill and Margaret as they drive home tomorrow.

✦ **Haven Hope Givers:** That's our ministry of reaching out by cards and notes to inmates who are regular listeners to *A Visit to the Pastor's Study*. Send a message of Gospel hope to: Mr. Darren Emanuel, #03A2176, Fishkill Correctional Facility, POB 1245, Beacon, NY 12508 & Mr. Arthur F. Tomlinson #12B1623, Eastern New York Correctional Facility, PO Box 338, Napanoch, NY 12458

✦ **Haven Young Adult Disciples (age 13 and up):** Our next meeting is next **Sunday, November 3**, from 7:30 - 8:30 pm at the Brewer's (66 East 2d St., Deer Park) Pizza, singing, and discussion. Put the date in your calendars, and invite your friends to join us. We'll be taking pictures for the website.

✦ **Sing!** Our monthly "choir practice" is at the home of John & Mary Vaeth (46 Monell Ave., Islip) usually on the first Tuesday 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 **Tuesday, November 5**. For these meetings we continue to learn new Psalms and Hymns from the Trinity Psalter Hymnal, and doctrinally rich contemporary hymns as well. We'll be taking pictures for the website.

✦ **"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](http://sermonaudio.com) (Search *A Visit to the Pastor's Study*) or [visitthepastorsstudy.org](http://visitthepastorsstudy.org) Upcoming Program for this month:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Nov. 2:	A Christian on the Judge's Bench	Joe Girardi
Nov. 9:	Church & State (pt. 1)	Dr. Alan Strange
Nov. 16:	Rerun (01/12/19)	Fasting
Nov. 23:	Church & State (pt. 2)	Dr. Alan Strange
Nov. 30:	Open Forum	Pastor Sam Chung

✦ **Haven Food and Fellowship:** This is a way for you to show hospitality following our worship each Lord's Day. See our administrative assistant, Mary Vaeth and give her some dates that you can provide refreshments and be host and hostess for this outreach.

## The Haven Heart to Heart

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

*Question: Do you believe that the baptism of a little child means that child will be saved? And, if not, what's the purpose of baptizing infants and little children? Aren't only those who profess faith in Jesus Christ to be baptized? Infants can't do that.*

Pastor Bill responds (pt. 4):

What about children who are baptized - what we call "covenant children" - who turn away from the Lord? In their youth they attended worship and church activities with their parents. Their interest began to wane in their teenagers years. Now they no longer want to be part of the church. In some cases their lives demonstrate sheer rebellion against all that they were taught in their youth. How does this fit with our understanding of infant baptism?

First, remember that the Prodigal Son story is in the Bible. It's part of the Gospels (see Luke 15:11-32). It's a picture of what we see all too frequently in church life. The son is brought up "in his father's house", i.e. in a Christian family and the Christian church. He wastes his rich inheritance in a "far country". But the son repents, and comes back to the house of his father. Whenever there are prodigal children we constantly pray that they will "come to themselves". i.e. come back to reality (Lk. 15:17), and return to the Lord. We love to rejoice, saying: "My son was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found!" Then let the celebration begin, cf. Lk. 15:24.! Never lose hope for prodigal children. Never!

The second thing to keep in mind is that the Bible (including the New Covenant) includes warnings as well as promises. Jesus himself said that "every branch in him that does not bear fruit he takes away...If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch..." (Jn. 15:2,6). This does not mean that a person "loses his salvation". That would contradict so many other passages in the New Testament, e.g. Jn. 10:28, Rom. 8:28-30, I Pet. 1:5. Jesus has God's covenant dealings in mind here: There are people who are truly a part of God's people as marked (in the New Covenant) by baptism; but that is not a statement that they are people whose hearts have been changed (yet) to become new creatures in Christ. We must "abide in Christ" as demonstrated by our personal lives and union with the people of God. If not, we - at least for a time - are in a "far country", away from Christ and his people.

These kinds of warnings are throughout the New Testament epistles. Remember that these are written to "saints", people who are baptized and who profess to follow Christ. They are to be encouraged with God's promises, but they also must heed the warnings:

- *They (unbelieving Jews) were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches (i.e. Old Covenant Israel), neither will he spare you, i.e. believing Gentiles, (Rom. 11:20,21)*
- *Therefore, let anyone who thinks that he stands, take heed lest he fall. (I Cor. 10:12)*
- *Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves... (II Cor. 13:5)*
- *Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. (Heb. 3:12)*

We are meant to live out of every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. But how do we put together both the promises and the warnings? We'll look at that next week.

***My Notes on Today's Sermon: Comfort My People  
II Corinthians 1:3-11***

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## **Psalm 72A: *O God, Your Judgments Give the King***

*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal - Tune: Ostend C.M.D.)*

### **Stanza 1:**

O God, your judgments give the King, his son your righteousness;  
With right he shall your people judge, your poor with uprightness.  
And then the mountains shall bring forth to all the people peace;  
The hills because of righteousness, their blessing shall increase.

### **Stanza 3:**

The just shall flourish in his days, and prosper in his reign;  
And while the moon endures he shall abundant peace maintain.  
His large and great dominion shall from sea to sea extend;  
It from the River shall reach forth to earth's remotest end.

### **Stanza 7:**

And may his people blossom in the cities and the towns;  
And thrive like grasses of the field which flourish in the ground.  
And may his name endure for e'er, as long as sun shall last;  
May people then be blest in him, all nations call him blest.

### **Stanza 8:**

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel;  
For he alone does wondrous works in glories that excel.  
And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity;  
The whole earth let his glory fill - Amen, so let it be!