

# THEHAVEN



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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,  
March 22, 2020  
A Service for Family Worship**

## An Unusual Lord's Day

+ **Our "Present Distress"**: The apostle Paul uses this phrase in I Corinthians 7:26 to speak of circumstances at certain times and places which disrupt the usual order of things. Wartime, for example, disrupts marriages, family life, the economy, and society as a whole. Currently, with the "present distress" of the coronavirus, we are in a time of such disruption. In order to contain the spread of this highly infectious virus, those in authority over us have asked that - for the time being - all unnecessary travel be suspended, and also that there be no gatherings of more than ten. This has, of course, led to the closing of most churches and the curtailing of public worship, at least for a time. We are currently not permitted to use our usual meeting place, Ascension Lutheran Church in Deer Park, NY.

Many churches are now using live streaming or recorded video to have "virtual worship services", in which homebound people can access the service and follow along through an electronic device. The Haven, OPC's elders in training, Jimmy Brewer and John Vaeth, and I discussed this option. However, at least for this week, we have chosen to provide something that will help heads of households lead a family worship service on the Lord's Day. We opted for this (at least for this week) for two reasons:

1. "Family Worship" is part of our doctrinal commitment. Our Confession of Faith affirms that "God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and in truth, as in private, **families** (emphasis mine), daily, in secret, each one by himself, so, more solemnly in the public assemblies" (WCF 21:6) This "present distress" gives us an opportunity to practice family worship - something that is both very foreign to our culture and challenging in a day of multiple time commitments and distractions. It's a good time to learn something that should be part of every family's healthy Christian life - whether or not we are in a time of "present distress."

2. This gives an opportunity to invite others to join you (honoring sanitary standards, of course) in your home for what can become a useful evangelistic opportunity.

You should have your family worship with access to an electronic device so that you can use the links to the hymn. In that way you will be able to sing along with another group, albeit a recorded one. You'll also need your electronic device to access the sermon, "*Nothing Has Changed*" through [sermonaudio.com](http://sermonaudio.com). It's especially important that pastors keep up their ministries to the flock in this day of fear, anxiety, and uncertainty. We need to be reminded that there is no uncertainty in our God - and he IS in control!

So, heads of households - whether you are single or have family members - may the following special bulletin for this "present distress" help you and your household worship the Lord acceptably and joyfully on this upcoming Lord's Day Sabbath.

Yours in our ever faithful Savior,  
Pastor Bill

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**A Service for Family Worship**  
**The Lord's Day — Sunday, March 22, 2020**  
**Worship 4:30 PM**  
**Preparation for Worship: Psalm 42:1-11**

**THE LORD OUR GOD CALLS US**

**The Promise of God's Presence:**

*Leader:* Where two or three are gathered together, in Christ's name, he promises that he is there among them. (*Matthew 18:20*). That promise is fulfilled by the Spirit of the risen Jesus Christ, who is with us now!

*People:* Amen!

**†Call to Worship: From Psalm 46**

*Leader:* God is our refuge and strength - a very present help in trouble.

*People:* *Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way - though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.*

*Leader:* Though its waters roar and foam - though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

*People:* *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God - the holy habitation of the Most High.*

*Leader:* God is in the midst of her - she shall not be moved.

*People:* *God will help her when morning dawns.*

*Leader:* The nations rage. The kingdoms totter.

*People:* *He utters his voice. The earth melts.*

**All:** The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.

† **Opening Psalm:** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (Based on Psalm 46, )

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Sing along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XUYZoguhEQ>

## *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great,  
And armed with cruel hate.  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing.  
Were not the right man on our side,  
The man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth\* his name,  
From age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us.  
We will not fear, for God has willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure,  
For, lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also.  
The body they may kill.  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

Pronounced: *Sab-ay-oth* (Not: *Sabbath*): Meaning: Armies/Hosts, i.e. Lord of Hosts

**Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord!**

**People: Who made heaven and earth!**

**†Opening Prayer** (Leader may use his own words, or the following):

*Now, our God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Meet with us according to your promise. Bless the reading, singing, preaching, and praying of your Word to the end that we might know Jesus Christ, in whom is eternal life and true blessedness. We ask in His wonderful name.*

**All: Amen!**

### **THE LORD OUR GOD CLEANSSES US**

**Call to Confession of Sin:** “...Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent and leave a blessing behind him.

**Corporate Confession:** (which may be preceded by a time of private confession)

*Our gracious and merciful God: We are humbled by this time of national distress. We confess the idolatry that has invited your waking us up with this fearful plague of the coronavirus. Forgive us for the many ways in which we would displace your sovereignty by what we think is our own power. Forgive us for what we now know was too great a trust in our economy, rather than in the Lord from whom all wealth comes. And forgive us for idolizing the freedoms which are now taken away from us. We come to you with broken hearts. We ask that you would relent over this present disaster, and leave blessings behind. But we ask, most of all, that you would be merciful to us and gracious to us through the One who bore the wrath of the plague of sin and death so that we might have cleansing within and a life of blessedness forever - Jesus our Lord. Amen*

**†God Comforts Us With His Promises:** *Will the Lord spurn forever and never again be favorable? Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion? Then I said, “I will appeal to the years of the right hand of the Most High!...Your way was through the sea. Your path through the great waters - yet your footprints were unseen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron. (Psalm 77:7-10, 19,20.) Now he leads us by the hand of the One greater than Moses and Aaron - Jesus Christ*

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

**†Our Response of Praise:** “Behold, Our God!” (Turn to the next page)

Sing along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrl3Lkf58>

## *Behold Our God*

### Stanza 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice

### **Chorus:**

*Behold our God seated on His throne!  
Come let us adore Him!  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare!  
Come let us adore Him!*

### Stanza 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

### **Chorus**

### Stanza 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand -  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave;  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

### **Chorus (2X)**

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## THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US

### Scripture Reading 1: Romans 8:28-39

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Scripture Reading 2: Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**Leader:** *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**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only 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 to 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.

*\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

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

**Hymn of Petition:** *"Speak O Lord"*

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Sing along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubRIIj8xkds>

# Speak O Lord

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

**VERSE**

F/A G/B C<sup>2</sup> 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 C<sup>2</sup> 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<sup>sus</sup>/F G<sup>9</sup>/F C<sup>2</sup>/E G G/F C/E Am G<sup>sus</sup> G F/A G/B C<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>sus</sup> 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.

**For the following parts of worship:**

**<https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=320202920553>**

*Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation*

**People: Amen!**

**Sermon: "Nothing Has Changed"**

*Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God Preached and Pastoral Prayer  
(followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)*

*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!*

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**Closing Hymn: "In Christ Alone"**

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Sing along: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENtL\\_li4GbE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENtL_li4GbE)

**The Lord Our God Commissions Us**

*Leader: Prayer of Benediction:*

*May the Lord bless us and keep us.*

*May the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.*

*May the Lord lift up the light of his face upon us,*

*And give us his peace.*

**People: Amen!**

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

# In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Maestoso (♩ = 80)



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner  
lone! - Who took on flesh; Full - ness of God in help - less babe! This gift of  
ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing  
life, no fear in death - This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first



stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
love and right eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'Til on that  
forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for - ter, my all in  
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev' - ry sin on Him was  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me; For I am His and He is  
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine - bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

2. In Christ a -  
3. There in the  
4. No guilt in



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## *Announcements*

✦ **Haven Hope Givers:** That's our ministry of reaching out by cards and notes to inmates who have learned about (and pray for) The Haven, OPC. 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. **You can now e mail them: Go to <https://www.jpays.com/> to learn more and to sign up.**

**Also:** Send cards and notes of encouragement to Grace Slezak: 373 W. 21st St., Deer Park, NY 11729, and also to Barbara Brewer, 66 East 2nd St., Deer Park, NY 11729 Encourage them with God's promises as they go through cancer treatments and related surgery.

**And:** Send a sympathy card and note to Pastor Zecharias Abraham, his wife, Bethel, and their four children. (Oldest son, Japheth, died last week as a result of a car accident ); 3304 Rose Ridge, NE, Atlanta, GA 30340.

✦ **Haven Young Adult Disciples (age 13 and up):** God willing our next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 18. Short Term Mission Project: Boardwalk Chapel: July 11 - 18 seems like the best time to send a group. Mark your calendars and let John Vaeth know if you can attend.

✦ **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\_ God willing, our next *Sing!* meeting is Tuesday, April 7. from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. For these meetings we continue to learn new Psalms and Hymns from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*, and God-centered contemporary hymns. We'll also practice hymns to prepare us for our Easter Sunday service, April 12.

✦ **Tentative: Outreach in Deer Park: Saturday afternoon, April 11. Mark your calendars!**

✦ **Presbytery Church Picnic: Saturday, June 27. More details to come. Mark your calendars!**

✦ **Banks:** Remember to put your spare change into your special "Worldwide Outreach" banks. In November we'll apply these gifts to our annual Thank Offering gift.

✦ **Tithes and Offerings for Last Sunday: \$ \$2,306.00 (Budget: \$1,750.00 per week)**

**Sunday, April 5: Deacon's Fund Offering:** Plan ahead to give to The Haven's ministry of mercy. Until we receive our NYS Religious Corp. status: Checks payable to *Haven, OPC, LLC*

*You can continue to give your tithes and offerings to The Haven, OPC, even when we're not able to meet during this "present distress"*

*Scroll to the bottom of our website's home page.  
Look for the green "Donate to The Haven" button.*

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