

# THEHAVEN



Temporarily Meeting at:  
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Bohemia  
906 Church St., Bohemia, NY 11716

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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 2, 2021  
A Service of Covenant Renewal  
1:00 p.m.

**† A warm welcome to all:** We are so thankful that the session and Board of Deacons of the OPC in Bohemia, are letting us use their facility so that we can gather for worship, instruction, and fellowship. Until we are able to gather again in a facility in Deer Park, we will be meeting at the Bohemia facility on the Lord's Days at 1:00 p.m.. We are made to gather together as God's people and we rejoice that, despite the lockdown of so many establishments, we are blessed to enjoy this aspect of our corporate life as the people of God. Praise the Lord!

**† Today's Sunday Schedule:**

**1:00 p.m. Worship/Outreach**

**2:30 p.m. Haven Update Time & Evangelism 101**

**3:00 p.m. Haven Food and Fellowship:** We invite all of you to join with us today our Lord's Day feast, (Havenites: Speak with Mary Vaeth to let her know the Sundays you can be host/hostess for our weekly food and fellowship time.)

**† Social Distancing, Personal Hygiene, and Sanitation:** Be sure to honor social distancing guidelines and always use reasonable precautions to protect those around you from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19 or any other infectious disease. It's important to honor these not only in the sanctuary during our worship,† but also downstairs for our food and fellowship times.

**† Announcement Page:** You'll find this purposely placed after the liturgy pages of our weekly bulletin. This page include things for you to do to serve Christ as you "*Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus' Name.*" It's not enough to gather for worship. We are meant to go forth demonstrating our faith by our works!

**†** 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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**Worship/Outreach**  
**The Lord's Day — Sunday, May 2, 2021**  
**Worship 1:00 PM**  
**Preparation for Worship: Psalm 94:1-23**

**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: From Psalm 8

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

*People: You have set your glory above the heavens.*

Pastor: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have established strength because of your foes to still the enemy and the avenger.

*People: What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*

Pastor: You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings, and crowned him with glory and honor.

*People: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands. You have put all things under his feet.*

All: *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.*

† Opening Psalm: “Lord, Our Lord, in all the Earth” (Psalm 8B, TPH)

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## Psalm 8B



1. <sup>1</sup>LORD, our Lord, in all the earth how ex - cel - lent your name!  
 2. <sup>3</sup>When I view the skies a - bove, the works your fin - gers made,  
 3. <sup>5</sup>You have made him next to God, with hon - or, glo - ry crowned.



You a - bove the heav'ns have set the glo - ry of your fame.  
 when I see the moon and stars, which you in or - der laid,  
<sup>6</sup>Him you placed a - bove your works; be - neath him all is found:



<sup>2</sup>From the mouths of in - fants young you the power of praise com - pose  
<sup>4</sup>what is man, so frail and weak, that you should re - mem - ber him?  
<sup>7</sup>ox - en, sheep, and beasts that graze, <sup>8</sup>birds, and fish the o - ceans claim.



in the face of en - e - mies to stop a - veng - ing foes.  
 What can be the son of man that you should care for him?  
<sup>9</sup>LORD, our Lord, in all the earth how ex - cel - lent your name!



### **†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 CLEANSES US**

Meditation on the Tenth Commandment - and back to the First!

*Confession of Sin - Begin with personal confession before God.*

**Corporate Confession:** *Our perfect God. We thank you that we come to you as a God of mercy and grace as well as a God of justice and truth. And we praise you that you are a God who makes no mistakes. Forgive us for all of the ways we are discontent with what you have ordained for our lives. Forgive us when we covet what we do not have rather than thank you for what we do have. And forgive us for making idols of the things that we covet - replacing you the Creator with all kinds of merely created things. Grant us grace to not only be content with the abundance you have given us, but also to, by the Holy Spirit, put to death all cravings for things you have wisely withheld from us. And remind us constantly that we are heirs of all things in Jesus Christ - in whose Name we pray. Amen*

### **†Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 2:8-15**

*People: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!*

**†Our response of Praise:** *"Complete in Thee!"*

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## *Complete in Thee*

### **Stanza 1**

Complete in Thee! No work of mine  
May take, dear Lord, the place of Thine.  
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me,  
And now I am complete in Thee.

#### **Refrain:**

*Yea, justified!<sup>1</sup> O blessed thought!  
And sanctified!<sup>2</sup> Salvation wrought!  
Thy blood hath pardon bought for me,  
And glorified<sup>3</sup>, I too shall be.*

### **Stanza 2**

Complete in Thee! No more shall sin -  
Thy grace hath conquered – reign within!  
Thy voice shall bid the tempter flee,  
And I shall stand complete in Thee!

#### **Refrain**

### **Stanza 3**

Complete in Thee! Each want supplied;  
And no good thing to me denied.  
Since Thou my portion, Lord wilt be,  
I ask no more - complete in Thee.

#### **Refrain**

### **Stanza 4**

Dear Savior: When before Thy bar<sup>4</sup>  
All tribes and tongues assembled are,  
Among Thy chosen will I be,  
At Thy right hand, complete in Thee.

#### **Refrain**

<sup>1</sup> *Justified*: To be forgiven of the punishment of all sin and declared righteous through faith alone in Christ alone. Not guilty!

<sup>2</sup> *Sanctified*: To be set apart as holy through union with Jesus Christ by grace through faith.

<sup>3</sup> *Glorified*: To be perfectly holy in body and in soul in the New Heavens and the New Earth.

<sup>4</sup> *Bar*: The judgment seat of Christ - after He returns to judge the living and the dead.

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

### **Old Covenant Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6**

1 Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn her seven pillars.

2 She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;  
she has also set her table.

3 She has sent out her young women to call  
from the highest places in the town,

4 "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"  
To him who lacks sense she says,

5 "Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

6 Leave your simple ways, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."

### **New Covenant Reading : Mark 8:27-30**

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

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 Shorter Catechism**

**Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate in which he was created?**

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

**Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate in which they were created?**

A. No! Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate in which they were created, by sinning against God.

**Q. 14. What do you believe sin is?**

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Pastor: *Praise the Lord for His truly amazing grace in Jesus Christ!*

*That grace is greater than all of our sins,  
Because God is greater than all of our sins!*

*People: Amen! Hallelujah!*

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

**Hymn: "Behold Our God!"**

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## ***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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Pastor: *Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation*  
**People: Amen!**

**Sermon: "Who Do You Say That I Am?"**

Pastor: *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!**

**Monthly Deacon's Offering:** For the Haven's Ministry of Mercy

**Closing Psalm of Celebration:** "*Wholehearted Thanksgiving*" (*Psalm 9B, TPH*)  
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### **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!*

# WHOLEHEARTED THANKSGIVING

Psalm 9B – *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*

## Stanza 1

Wholehearted thanksgiving, to you will I bring,  
In praise of your marvelous deeds will I sing;  
In you I will joy and exultingly cry,  
Your name I will praise, O Jehovah Most High.

## Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to Jehovah, declare now his fame.  
And give him all honor, for just is his name.

## Stanza 2

You, Lord, are a refuge for all the oppressed;  
All trust you who know you, and trusting are blessed;  
For never, O Lord, did your mercy forsake  
The soul that has sought of your grace to partake.

## Refrain

## Stanza 3

Give praise to Jehovah, the mighty deeds tell  
Of him who has chosen in Zion to dwell.  
Of him to whom justice and vengeance belong.  
Who visits the lowly and overthrows wrong.

## Refrain.

## Stanza 4

Behold my affliction, your mercy accord,  
And back from death's portals restore me, O Lord.  
That I in the gates of your Zion may raise  
My song of salvation and show forth your praise.

## Refrain

# 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. **Also: Encourage Darren's wife, Kim:** Send her a card and note to let her know that you are praying both for Darren and for her: Mrs. Kim Emanuel, 76-34 162 St., Fresh Meadows, Queens, NY 11366.

† **Encouraging Those Who are Bereaved:** *Greg and Anne Priel* are still mourning the tragic death of their son, Danny, in a helicopter crash just a few months ago. Last Monday would have been Danny's 31st birthday. Send them a card to encourage them that their son's life of service to his country and his community was not in vain. Their address: *16 South Lynn St., Warwick, NY 10990*.

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† **Zoom Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** This is now a weekly part of our Haven life. After a few minutes to mention updates and new prayer requests, we spend the remaining time in prayer. We also periodically have guests for whom we have been praying. Plan to join us!

**Haven Midweek Zoom Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84496265394>

Meeting ID: 844 9626 5394

One tap mobile: +1646-558-8656,,84496265394# US (New York)

† **Haven Food and Fellowship:** Speak with Mary Vaeth to let her know the Sundays you can be host/hostess for our weekly food and fellowship time. Here's the schedule for the next few weeks:

Today....Shishkos

May 9.....The Lord's Day Called Mother's' Day - No Food & Fellowship

May 16.....Totos

May 23....,Vaeths

May 30....Brewers

† **Today's Sermon** will be available by Monday evening on [sermonaudio.com](http://sermonaudio.com) at "The Haven, OPC" site (Search *The Haven, OPC*) Also available from our own website [www.thehavenli.com](http://www.thehavenli.com)

† **Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, May 15: Soundview Pregnancy Services Walk for Life, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

† **Giving Last Sunday:** General Fund: \$1,735. (2021 weekly budget: \$1,904.)

† **Giving to The Haven:** Make your checks payable to "The Haven at Deer Park, Inc."

## The Haven Heart to Heart

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

Question: I notice that you put a lot of emphasis on singing the Old Testament Psalms. Why? And aren't some of these Psalms out of place in this New Testament period?

Pastor Bill responds (pt. 4):

One of the most difficult questions when we sing about Christ in the Psalms, cf. Luke 24:44, is "What about the confessions of sin in the Psalms? Jesus never sinned!"

For some examples, how do verses like these apply to Jesus?

*I acknowledged by sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.* (Psalm 32:5)

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.* (Psalm 51:2,3)

*I have gone away like a lost sheep...* (Psalm 119:176)

Never forget that Jesus never sinned. He had no personal iniquity or transgressions to confess. He never went astray like a lost sheep. Jesus was obedient - and completely obedient - even to the death of the cross, cf. Philippians. 2:9. If Jesus had sinned we would not have a Savior; and because Jesus was perfectly obedient in Him we have a perfect righteousness. Without this we wouldn't have the good news of the Gospel.

So how can we sing about Jesus in Psalms that confess sin?

The first thing to keep in mind is that the Psalms were written by human authors who did sin, who needed to confess their sin, and who had to receive forgiveness of sins. This reminds us that while the Psalms show us the sinless Jesus, they were written by people who were not sinless. We can (and should) relate to that as we - who also are not sinless - use the Psalms for our own devotions and as a pattern for godliness.

At the same time, we need to take with the deepest seriousness the profound truth that Jesus, who knew no sin by personal commission, nevertheless became sin (but NOT "a sinner") for His people: *For our sake, he*, i.e. God the Father, *made him*, i.e. Jesus, to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (II Corinthians 5:21).

That means that Jesus:

- Felt in his inmost being what it meant to be a sinner who was under the wrath of God. He was, in the fullest sense of the word, *a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief* (Isaiah 53:3).
- Experienced to the greatest depths possible the power of sin that *makes our bones waste away through our groaning all the day* and that *dries up our strength as in the heat of summer*, because *God's hand is heavy on us*, cf. Psalm 32:3,4.
- Knew in ways no mere mortal could ever even begin to grasp what it meant that sin causes us to be forsaken of everything but the eternal justice of an offended God. What awesome sorrow there is in Jesus' cry, *My God. My God. Why have you forsaken me?* (Psalm 22:1)

So, as you sing what are often called "The Penitential Psalms", e.g. Psalms 32, 51, 130, 143, remember that Christ experienced the depths of sin's curse when he became a curse for us, cf. Galatians 3:13 - all so that the curse of sin might be taken away from those who trust in Jesus Christ as their sin-bearer. And he went to those depths because of the depths of his love for you! May that cause you to confess your own sins and receive from Jesus the forgiveness that comes at such a great price - the price of the sinless one becoming sin for us.

## **My Notes on Today's Sermon:**

*"Who Do You Say That I Am?"*