



Seeking to bring the
life-giving Hope of Jesus Christ
to our community in Hot Springs, AR

Celebration of Worship
Lord's Day
Sunday, March 5, 2023

Gathering Song

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish — but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, Music: Welsh Melody

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Call to Worship

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

**He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.**

1 Timothy 3:16

The Prayer of Invocation

It Is Well With My Soul #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

*It is well (It is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin -- O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” -- it is well with my soul.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name.
Amen

Private Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

Thanks be to God.

Based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 1 Peter 2:24

The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go #708

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths
Its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that follows all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze
Its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go," Words: George Matheson, Music: Albert L. Peace, Public Domain

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Sermon from God's Word

Reverend Scott Davis

Tithes and Offerings

Our offering is an act of worship where we respond to the goodness and mercy of God with our gratitude and reliance on Him for all things. If you are our guest today, please feel under no obligation to give.

Hymn of Response

The Church's One Foundation #347

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

"The Church's One Foundation," Words Samuel J. Stone, Music Samuel S. Wesley

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*We invite all baptized Christians who profess faith in Jesus Christ for their
salvation and are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel
to join us in taking the Lord's Supper.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Most righteous God, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice offered
once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.
In the joy of his resurrection and in the expectation of his coming again,
we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.
Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when
he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup,
after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
For as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Doxology #731

(Tune: "Old Hundredth" from the Genevan Psalter)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

A Note to Visitors

If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest, if you are mourning and you long for comfort; if you are struggling and you desire victory; if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a savior, God welcomes you here in the name of Christ. To the stranger in need of fellowship, to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and to whoever will come, Hope Church Hot Springs opens wide its doors and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Children at Hope Church

To parents of young children may we suggest:

God gave children the vibrant energy that sometimes causes them to wiggle and make noise. They belong right here with God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. Stick with it!

Feel free to sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor and elders.

Sing the songs and participate in the prayers and the responses. Children learn how to worship by watching you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so. But, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

To the members of our church:

Children are a gift, not a distraction. The sound of children in the church is the sound of Jesus keeping his promises; it is the sound of his church that lives on and never dies. Please welcome children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

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Announcements

Theology on Tap, our weekly bible study will be this Tuesday evening at 6:30. We'll meet at the Courtyard by Marriott lobby. The hotel is located on Central Avenue behind Bone's Steakhouse (across the street from the bowling alley.)

Our annual Hope Church Chili Cookoff is going to be this Friday, March 10th at 6pm. Make plans to join us. We'll have categories for hot, mild and specialty. Bring a friend! We'll share more details as the date draws closer. Mark your calendar!

Hope Church loves children! We're so glad to have them in the sanctuary during worship. Parents, if you've got a child that gets fussy please know that we're streaming the audio and video of the sermon in the church library (which serves as a cry-room for those who need it.)

If you're interested in joining Hope Church or learning more about membership please let us know by checking the appropriate box on the visitor card. We have periodic "New to Hope" classes. We'll follow up with you to let you know when our next class will be.

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