



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 19, 2023

Gathering Song
Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His;

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. **For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;**

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100, NIV

The Prayer of Invocation

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:

A great High Priest whose name is Love,

who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart.

I know that while in heaven He stands,

no tongue can bid me thence depart;

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When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;

For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me ...

To look on Him and pardon me!

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,

my perfect, spotless righteousness:

The great unchangeable "I AM," The King of glory and of grace.

One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood.

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,

With Christ my Savior and my God.

I bow before the cross of Christ and marvel at this love divine;

God's perfect Son was sacrificed

to make me righteous in God's eyes.

This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood!

The Lord Most High has bowed down low

and poured on me His glorious love,

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, like Judas, we have betrayed you;

Lord, have mercy on us. Like Peter, we have denied you;

Christ, have mercy on us. And, like the other disciples, we have forsaken you; **Lord, have mercy on us.** Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross. **We plead for your forgiveness and mercy. And we ask that you strengthen us so that we do not turn aside but follow you to the very end -- for the final victory belongs to you. Amen.**

Private Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

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.**

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:29-58

The Sermon from God’s Word

Reverend Scott Davis

Sermon Notes

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

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning;
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again
and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

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.

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.)

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.

Tonight at 5:45 we'll be serving the evening meal at Samaritan Ministries, a homeless men's mission that we support. Make plans to join us to cook, serve food, fellowship, and help clean up afterward.

Did you know that Pastor Scott has a podcast? "Assurance of Pardon" is a weekly podcast with his co-host Gage Jordan from First Presbyterian Church of Dyersburg, TN. Each week they discuss what Presbyterians believe and teach. If you're looking for an easy-to-understand explanation of our theology and doctrines for yourself or to share with a friend- check out Assurance of Pardon. It is available on iTunes or wherever you get your podcasts.

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