

# HOPE CHURCH



*The Hidden Treasure*, Jesus Mafa 1973.

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# Reflections

"The Gospels contain a fairy-story, or a story of a larger kind which embraces all the essence of fairy-stories.... This story begins and ends in joy. It has pre-eminently the 'inner consistency of reality'. There is no tale ever told that men would rather find was true, and none which so many skeptical men have accepted as true on its own merits."

J.R.R. Tolkien

"Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living; it's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope."

Dr. Seuss

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world."

Albert Einstein

"You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus."

Mark Twain

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING

### ***Let Me Find Thee***

Behold me here, in grief draw near, pleading at Thy throne, O King  
To Thee each tear, each trembling fear Jesus, Son of Man, I bring  
Let me find Thee; let me find Thee;  
Let me find Thee, Lord of Mercy, King of Grace

Look down in love and from above with Thy Spirit satisfy  
Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,  
and Thy purchase, Lord, am I  
Let me find Thee; let me find Thee;  
Let me find Thee, here on earth and then on high

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken longings of my heart to Thee:  
All the crying, all the sighing of Thy child accepted be  
Let me find Thee; let me find Thee;  
Let me find Thee, Wounded Healer, suffering Lord

Let me find Thee; let me find Thee;  
Let me find Thee, Lord of Mercy, King of Grace

## WELCOME

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the name of the Lord,  
give praise, O servants of the Lord,  
who stand in the house of the Lord,  
in the courts of the house of our God!**

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

**For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,  
Israel as his own possession.**

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;**

**for the Lord delights in you**

For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
**and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,**  
**so shall your God rejoice over you.**

From Psalm 135, Isaiah 62

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on 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 evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**GATHERING SONG**

***All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name***

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
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**PRAISE SONG**

***Jesus Lover of My Soul***

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.

Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity,  
For all eternity.

## **CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,

We confess that your Kingdom and your love have not fully shaped our lives. Too often, Lord Jesus, you have occupied only a small corner of our hearts. We have longed for joy, yet we have sought it in lesser things.

We cling to habits, desires, and distractions that keep us from receiving the fullness of your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Remove from us all that hinders your reign in our lives.

Shape us as faithful citizens of your Kingdom, so that in all our words and actions, we may carry your presence and bring your Kingdom near to those around us.

In Christ's name we pray,  
Amen.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

## **RENEWAL SONG**

### ***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ

His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **CHILDREN DISMISSED**

### **LIFE TOGETHER**

## **PREACHING OF THE WORD**

### **“Treasure Stories”**

**Ben Shaw**

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44-46

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon Notes**

## **RESPONSE**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### ***Spirit of the Living God***

Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **OFFERTORY**

#### ***When I Survey the Wonderful Cross***

When I survey the wond'rous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most —  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all!

### **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

## **COMMUNION**

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 to give him thanks and praise.**

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

## **COMMUNION 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.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

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 heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **SENDING**

### **SENDING SONG**

#### ***O Love That Will Not Let Me Go***

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 followest 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.

#### **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

## LIFE TOGETHER

### FAMILY UPDATES

**Congrats Laura and Wilson Whitten** on the birth of Lowell Arthur: Meal train in LU.

### SERVE

**July Men's Clothes Drive** for Sunnyside: Details in Looking Up/Church Center.

**Volunteer Training Classes:** Jul. 27 9-10am Sunday School + Preschool Worship Classes; Aug. 10 9-10am Hope Kids Worship + Outreach Project.

**Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed:** Please reach out to Lisa Applegate.

### CHURCH LIFE

**Congregational Meeting** - Today after Worship to elect officers.

**Lawn Party** - Jul. 20 5-7pm: Slip 'n Slide, Music, Food, + Fellowship.

**Barnabas Training Basic** - Aug. 23 9am-4pm: Register (HOPE member discount).

**Fantasy Football League:** Details to register by Aug. 16 in Church Center.

**Discovering Hope** - Sept. 12-13: Register for our class on joining Hope.

### PARENTS & CHILDREN

**Youth CFA Lunches** - Thur. 12:30pm @ Peace Haven CFA.

**Youth Guys Hangout** - Aug. 3 5-7pm: Sports, games, and pizza. All welcome!

**High School Retreat** - Aug. 8 8am-4pm: Register.

**Kids Connection** - *Summer Verses* - God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. (Psalm 46:1-2) My soul finds rest in God alone. My salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress. I will never be shaken. (Psalm 62:1-2)

### FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF JULY 15, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 7/31	Difference	
<b>Income</b>	\$672,170	\$706,900	-\$34,730	-4.91%
<b>Expense</b>	\$670,370	\$856,243	-\$185,873	-21.71%
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	\$1,801	-\$149,343	\$151,144	

### ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,482,783

<b>Making Room for More</b>	<b>Campaign Goal</b>	<b>Campaign Commitments</b>	<b>Gifts Received</b>
	\$8.6 million	\$5,223,802	\$2,490,220