

HOPE CHURCH



Jonah Inside the Whale, handmade ceramic tile.

July 27, 2025

Reflections

“True spirituality is not a superhuman religiosity; it is simply true humanity released from bondage to sin and renewed by the Holy Spirit... Redemption is participatory, not imitative. It is grounded on grace appropriated through faith, not merely on obedience. Spiritual life flows out of union with Christ, not merely imitation of Christ.”

Richard F. Lovelace, *Dynamics of Spiritual Life: An Evangelical Theology of Renewal*

“I found it was no easy thing to part with sin, and the impression on my spirit was that of my utter inability to put away sin. And I think I never had a more solid sense of the absolute need of Christ for sanctification. I saw that it was as easy for a rock to lift itself as for me to raise my heart to holiness.”

Thomas Boston

“Christians who are no longer sure that God loves and accepts them, apart from their present spiritual achievements, are subconsciously radically insecure persons, much less secure than non-Christians, because of the constant bulletins they receive from their Christian environment about the holiness of God and the righteousness they are supposed to have.”

Richard Lovelace

“If we remember God’s grace, then we lose the pride that would make us a Pharisee and the despair that would make us a cynic.”

Merold Westphal

On the art:

After running from God, ignoring His commands, and doubting His ways, Jonah finally cries out in faith from the belly of the fish. There, he confesses his sin and acknowledges God’s sovereignty and mercy. Like Jonah, we too—curmudgeons, backsliders, we-of-little-faith—can cry to God out of the depths. And God, in His grace, hears us. He delivers us from bondage, sorrow, and night into His freedom, gladness, and light.

Order of Worship

GATHERING

Take My Heart with Altar Fire

All seeing God you see my deeds
You see my faults by light of day
You see my sins concealed in darkness
Turn my deeds to holy ways
Turn my deeds to holy ways

All hearing God you hear my words
You hear each lie each hurtful phrase
You hear my pride in secret slander
Turn my tongue to truth and grace
Turn my tongue to truth and grace

Take away my love of sinning
Straighten every bent desire
Fix my soul upon your promise
Take my heart with altar fire
Take my heart with altar fire

All knowing God you know my heart
You know my yearnings deep inside
You know my hidden motivations
Turn my heart to pure delight
Turn my heart to pure delight

Fire of God consume my heart
And burn it down to only faith
Til all that's left of me is only you
Christ my glory Christ my praise

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

from Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 5

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

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

PRAISE SONG

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:25-28

RENEWAL SONG

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 heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

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 by His blood:
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God;
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood:
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God;
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

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

“The Foundation of Change”

David Speakman

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ

in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:1-14

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

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father,
rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
seeing only Him.

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

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King

Would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

Free at last

He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me

Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me not against me

I am who You say I am

SENDING

SENDING SONG

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Your labor is not in vain
Though the ground underneath you
Is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown
Though the rocks they cry out
And the sea it may groan
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
But your labor is not unknown

For I am with you I am with you
I am with you I am with you
For I have called you
Called you by name
Your labor is not in vain

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labored to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
And all that is broken be healed

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

SERVE

August School Supplies Drive for Speas: Amazon link in Looking Up.

Volunteer Training Class: Aug. 10 9-10am Hope Kids Worship + Outreach Project.

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

CHURCH LIFE

Schedule Change - Aug. 17: Sunday School at 10am and Worship at 8:30 and 11am.

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

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

6th Grade Kickoff - Aug. 10 4:30-6:30pm: Putt-putt at Roar. Register now.

Youth & Families Kickoff - Aug. 17 5-6:30pm: Dinner provided in the pavilion!

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 22, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 7/31	Difference	
Income	\$688,508	\$706,900	-\$18,392	-2.60%
Expense	\$707,548	\$856,243	-\$148,696	-17.37%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$19,040	-\$149,343	\$130,304	

ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,482,783

Making Room for More	Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received
	\$8.6 million	\$5,224,302	\$2,492,526