

HOPE CHURCH



Water from the Rock, Diane Fairfield 2017.

August 24, 2025

Reflections

"My people have committed two sins:
they have forsaken me, the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

Jeremiah 2: 13

"Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die."

Augustus Toplady, hymnwriter of "Rock of Ages." He alternatively named the hymn
"The Living and Dying Prayer of the Holiest Believer On Earth."

"The great desire of the Holy Spirit is that our churches so exalt Jesus Christ that men and women are moved to God through Christ, become his disciples in the fellowship of the churches, and then follow him into adventuresome service and controversy in the world... The Holy Spirit wants, above all else, that Jesus be known in the world. The main way that Jesus is known in the world is by the faithful preaching and teaching of Scripture's gospel."

Dale Bruner

"The way to God is wide open. There is nothing standing between the sinner and his God. He has immediate and unimpeded access to the Savior. There is nothing to hinder. No sin can hold him back because God offers justification to the ungodly. Nothing now stands between the sinner and God but the sinner's damnable "good works". Nothing can keep him from Christ but his delusion that he has good works of his own that can satisfy God. All he needs is need. All he needs is nothing. But, alas, sinners cannot part with their 'virtues.' They have none that are not imaginary, but they are real to them. So grace becomes unreal. The real grace of God they spurn in order to hold on to the illusory virtues of their own. Their eyes are fixed on a mirage; they will not drink real water. They die of thirst with water all about them."

Dr. John Gerstner

Order of Worship

GATHERING

Living Waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."
And let the one who hears say, "Come."
And let the one who is thirsty come;
let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

**"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:

**"Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted."**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

from Revelation 22, Isaiah 12, Psalm 36

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

Come, Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners poor and wretched
Weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity joined with power
He is able He is able
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance

Every grace that brings you nigh
Without money without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden
Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all
Not the righteous not the righteous
Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you this He gives you
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of living waters,
We confess that we have often turned from you
and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt.
Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love.
Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away,
unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us.
We have behaved in very unloving ways.
We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them.
Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives.
Heal us, merciful God.
Wash us again in the living water.
Help us be faithful servants.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

RENEWAL SONG

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

COVENANT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

Anna Lee (Annie) St. John

Jesus Loves You

Jesus loves you, this we know
For the Bible tells us so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves you,
Yes, Jesus loves you,
Yes, Jesus loves you,
The Bible tells us so.

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

“That You May Believe: Rivers of Living Water”

David Speakman

²⁵ Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? ²⁶ And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? ²⁷ But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.” ²⁸ So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. ²⁹ I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.” ³⁰ So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. ³¹ Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”

³² The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. ³³ Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. ³⁴ You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.” ³⁵ The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶ What does he mean by saying, ‘You will seek me and you will not find me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come’?”

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 7:25-39

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

RESPONSE

SONG OF RESPONSE

My Friends May You Grow in Peace

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory!
Now and forever
Now and forever, Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Nicene Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds:
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

How Can I Keep From Singing?

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die,
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?

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

Satisfied

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within

Hallelujah He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through His blood I now am saved

Feeding on the filth around me
Till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better
Only still to hunger on

Poor I was and sought for riches
Something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth
My Redeemer is to me

SENDING

SENDING SONG

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land

where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains
shines one eternal day;
There, God the Son forever reigns
and scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death
are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place
and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face
and in His bosom rest?

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

LIFE TOGETHER

FAMILY UPDATES

Bennett William Palmer born to Hannah and Reid on August 16th: Congrats!

SERVE

Backpack Packing Party - Sept. 7 3:15pm: All invited to the pavilion.

September Drive for Sunnyside Ministry: Oral + Feminine Hygiene Products.

CHURCH LIFE

Installation & Ordination Service w/ Dessert - Aug. 24 7pm: Bring chairs.

Gathering Hour - Aug. 25 8-9pm: All women welcome to join us **at Lot 63**.

No Sunday School - Aug. 31: Enjoy Labor Day!

Life Groups & Young Adult Life Group: For info, register or talk to Ethan Smith.

Women's Bible Study in Revelation - Begins Sept. 2: Register now for Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am (childcare available) or Tuesdays 7-8:30pm.

First Wednesday Fellowship - Sept. 3 5:30-7pm: Dinner with Ecuador trip update.

Men's Cohorts in Revelation - Various dates/times: Begins Sept. 8. Register.

Prayer Gathering - Mondays 7-8pm: All are welcome in Rm 107.

Discovering Hope - Sept. 12-13: Register now for our membership class!

Women's Retreat - Oct. 24-26: All women welcome! Registration now open.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Hope Kids + Youth Fall Programming details in Church Center and on the website.

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 AUGUST 19, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 8/31	Difference	
Income	\$793,655	\$790,101	\$3,554	0.45%
Expense	\$796,552	\$976,612	-\$180,060	-18.44%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$2,897	-\$186,511	\$183,614	

ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,482,783

Making Room for More	Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received
	\$8.6 million	\$5,224,302	\$2,528,829