

HOPE CHURCH



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Reflections

"This house is now a litany of things I thought I'd never be
A man who has opinions on an ottoman, among other things
I used to think I'd miss the road, the crushing fame, the sold out shows
Now I just sing 'head, shoulders, knees, and toes' like I'd forgotten 'em"

Ben Rector, "Living My Best Life"

"The gospel isn't one more road to choose from. The inclusivity of Jesus' call to all is matched by the exclusivity of slicing off all other options."

Jamie Mulvaney, "The Fear of Better Options"

"Your life in grace is the life of a cripple on an escalator: as far as being able to walk upstairs is concerned, you are simply dead; there is nothing for you to do. But then you don't need to do anything, because the divine Floorwalker has kindly put you on the eternally moving staircase of Jesus — and up you go."

Robert Capon, *Between Noon and Three*

"The Bible never says there is nothing to fear. What it offers instead is something far stranger: the reassurance that we will never pass through our fear alone.... [The love of God] casts out fear not by removing threats but by reorienting our hearts away from any illusion of self-sufficiency and toward the trust that we are held by someone greater than anything we may face."

Edward Song, "The Dangerous Distortion of Fear"

Order of Worship

GATHERING

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, you have promised
You will all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
Face to face shall be our prayer
Joyful praise and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, The King of creation!
Oh my soul, praise him, For he is
thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper Thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and
mercy Shall daily attend thee;
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends thee!

Praise to the Lord!
Oh let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen" Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, 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.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

Isaiah 43:1-3

RENEWAL SONG

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

COVENANT OF BAPTISM (8:30am)
Charlotte Jean Morganti

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION (11:00)
Of Phil Nichols to the Office of Deacon

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: Living Your Best Life”

Ethan Smith

¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

John 10:1-10

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 Grace

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

OFFERTORY

You Know My Name

He knows my name
He knows my name
He knows my name
He knows my name

Oh how He walks with me
Oh how He talks with me
Oh how He tells me
That I am His own

You know my name
You know my name
You know my name
You know my name

Oh how You comfort me
Oh how You counsel me
It's still amazes me
That I am Your friend

So now I pour out my heart to You
Here in Your presence I am made new

You know my name
You know my name
You know my name
You know my name

Oh how You walk with me
Oh how You talk with me
Oh how You tell me
That I am Your own

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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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 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

SERVE

Crayon Drive for Speas Elementary during the month of October! Bins by office.

WS Jail and Prison Ministry Toiletries Drive sign-up in Looking Up.

Street School Rummage Sale - Oct. 17-18. Link in Looking Up for info.

Speas Elementary Reading Buddies opportunity details in Looking Up.

CHURCH LIFE

New Adult Sunday School Classes: 'Let's Study Hebrews' led by Palmer Robertson, 'How to Talk about Jesus' led by Hope Pastors.

Men's Meetup - Oct. 14 Noon: Barcelona Burger.

Fall Fest - Oct. 19 5:30-7pm: Dinner (BYOB), Live music + Games (costumes welcome).

2026 Quito Mission Trip Interest Meeting - Nov. 9 12:30pm (Lunch Included).

Church Directory Form - Complete form by Oct. 20: Link in Looking Up.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Communicants' Class - Nov 7 6:30-8pm & Nov 8 9-10:30am: 4th-5th grade; Register.

Edge MS Conference - June 20-24: Save the date!

RYM HS Conference - Jul. 26-30: Save the date!

Kids Connection - *October Verse* - But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF OCTOBER 7TH, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 10/31	Difference	
Income	\$981,390	\$1,081,685	-\$100,295	-9.27%
Expense	\$1,022,458	\$1,243,166	-\$220,708	-17.75%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$41,068	-\$161,481	\$120,413	

ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,482,783

**Making Room
for More**

Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received
\$8.6 million	\$5,224,302	\$2,805,373