

HOPE CHURCH



Anxiety (Norwegian: *Angst*), Edvard Munch, 1894

February 1, 2026

Reflections

"As we might guess, far from gradually becoming extinct in adulthood, our fears increase throughout our lives. What was once a small family of worries quietly conducts an aggressive breeding program to become a teeming community of palpable fears and private anxieties. The code by which fear and anxiety live is primal: multiply. As we possess more things, care about more people, accumulate more bad experiences, and watch the evening news, it is as if we absorb fear. If they are not obvious in your own life, perhaps it's because you have been living in a war zone your entire life. At first you noticed every gunshot. After a while the mayhem blends in with the rustle of the trees, the TV, and the children playing in the other room. Fear gradually becomes the background noise of everyday life."

Ed Welch, *Running Scared*

"Oh! I love God's 'shalls' and 'wills.' There is nothing comparable to them. Let a man say 'shall,' what is it good for? 'I will,' says man, and he never performs; 'I shall,' says he, and he breaks his promise. But it is never so with God's 'shalls.' If He says 'shall,' it shall be; when He says 'will,' it will be."

Charles Spurgeon

"Anxiety is a disturbed relationship with certainty. Meaning, the more that we obsessively think that we need to know, the more anxious we become."

Dr. Julia DiGangi

On the Artwork

"I saw all the people behind their masks—smiling, phlegmatic—composed faces—I saw through them and there was suffering—all of them—pale corpses—who without rest ran around—along a twisted road—at the end of which was the grave."

Edvard Munch, c. 1916

Order of Worship

GATHERING

Come Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid,
To fill our hearts which thou has made,
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.

Be not afraid,
where you go there I am with you.

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone,
Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed,
That thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on

high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

“Great and amazing are your deeds,

O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord,

and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

from Hebrews 1, Revelation 15

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

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.

PRAISE SONG

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.

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, You are the great provider. Your Word tells us to trust You and You will direct our paths, but we often forget Your faithfulness and promises found throughout Scripture. Forgive us, Father, when we stray from Your plan. Your way is the path to joy, peace, and abundant life. Give us the strength and courage to choose You rather than choosing ourselves. Draw near to us when we doubt, and give us eyes to see Your hand at work in our lives. You are good and faithful always. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.
When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.
Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

Psalms 65:2-4

RENEWAL 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

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN DISMISSED (8:30am Service)

LIFE TOGETHER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Trust in an Age of Anxiety”

David Speakman

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you

not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

John 14:1-14

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

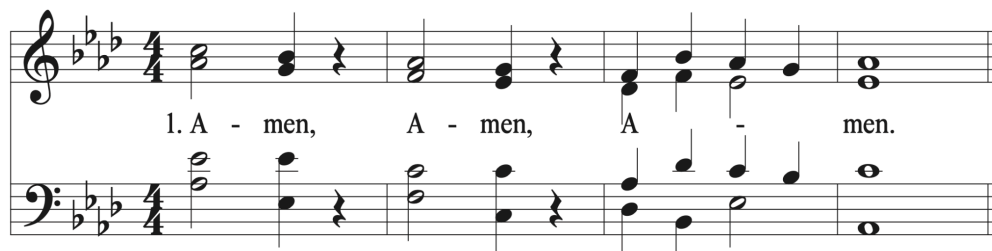
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

RESPONSE

SONG OF RESPONSE

Threefold Amen



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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 Sing As One

Father in Heaven
We are Your children
You gave us life, O Lord, life eternal
You hold nothing back from those You love
You are Father in Heaven
We are Your children

We sing as one, Lord
We are Your children
Pour out Your Spirit
Upon the broken
O loving Father
Come and draw near us
We see Your glory
And know that You hear us

First and the Last, O Lord
You know us deeply
You search our hearts, we trust You completely

You lay out our paths and keep us close
You are First and the Last, O Lord
You know us deeply

All ears shall hear
And all eyes will witness
Redeeming power and grace
Of Your Son, Jesus
For He alone can save and heal the lost
O, all ears shall hear
And all eyes will witness

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

“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

LIFE TOGETHER

SERVE

Check World Relief for ways to help care for and advocate for refugees.

The Dwelling and Our Lady of Salem are sheltering our homeless population.

Check their websites or speak to Sarah, Ethan, or Jessica Shore about supporting.

CHURCH LIFE

Children's Ministry Assistant - Position opening. See Looking Up for details.

Deacon Nominations Open - Nomination form available in Looking Up and in the back of the Worship Hall.

Discovering Hope - Sundays, Jan. 25 - Feb. 22, 10am.

Jon Van Deusen Concert - Feb. 3 7pm: Ticket info in Looking Up.

Family Worship Service - Feb. 11 5:45pm: Join us for a brief service before dinner.

First Wednesday Fellowship - Feb. 11 5:30-7pm: Everyone welcome for free dinner.

Prayer Service - Feb. 11 7pm: Join us upstairs in the Adult Ed. Room.

Ash Wednesday Service - Feb. 18 6:30pm: Redeemer Church.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Service Youth Group - Feb. 1 4:30-7pm: Details TBD based on weather.

Youth Souper Bowling - Feb. 7 2-4pm: Details in Registration.

Hope Kids Leading Worship - Feb. 8 Both services.

MS Great Wolf Lodge - Feb. 13-14. Registration open.

Summer Conference Registration Now Open for the Edge and RYM.

Kids Connection - *February Verse* - So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 29TH, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 1/31	Difference	
Income	\$70,388	\$115,840	-\$45,452	-39.24%
Expense	\$119,037	\$135,425	-\$16,388	-12.10%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$48,650	-\$19,585		

ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,558,309

**Making Room
for More**

Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received
\$8.6 million	\$5,243,302	\$3,839,252