

 HOPE
CHURCH



The Load, Honoré Daumier 1853.

March 1, 2026

Reflections

"The movement of God's Spirit is very gentle, very soft - and hidden. It does not seek attention. But that movement is also very persistent, strong and deep."

Henri Nouwen

"He who dwells in a house, keeps the house in repair; so the Spirit dwelling in a believer, keeps grace in repair. Grace is compared to a river of the water of life (John 7:38). This river can never be dried up because God's Spirit is the spring that continually feeds it."

Thomas Watson

"Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine."

John Stocker

"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."

C. T. Studd

Order of Worship

GATHERING

By Gracious Powers

By gracious powers
So wonderfully sheltered
And confidently waiting, come what may
We know that God is
With us night and morning
And never fails to meet us each new day

Yet our hearts by their old foe tormented
Still evil days bring burdens hard to bear
O give our frightened souls
The sure salvation
For which, O Lord,
You taught us to prepare

Within the tempest
I know that You're there
Within the heartache
I know that You care
Within the tempest
I know that You're there
Within the heartache
I know that You care

And when the cup You give
Is filled to brimming
With bitter suffering, hard to understand
We take it thankfully
Trusting and trembling
Out of so good and so beloved a hand

If once again in this same world
You give us
The joy we had
The brightness of Your sun
We shall recall what
We have learned through sorrow

And dedicate our lives to You alone

As long as I am in the tent of this body I will make a joyful noise!

Hallelujah Lord

Hallelu

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel?

**Whom did he consult,
and who made him understand?**

Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

from Isaiah 40

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,

on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ. And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up.

Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say we love.
Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.
Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.
Open our hands in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.
Open our hearts to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way.

We pray trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Galatians 4:4-7

RENEWAL SONG

Waymaker

You are here, moving in our midst
We worship You, we worship You
You are here, working in this place
We worship You, we worship You

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness our God, that is who You are

You are here, touching ev'ry heart
We worship You, we worship You
You are here, healing ev'ry heart
We worship You, we worship You

You are here, turning lives around
We worship You, we worship You
You are here, mending ev'ry heart
We worship You, we worship You

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working

You never stop, You never stop working

COVENANT OF BAPTISM (8:30am)

Hannah Keshian

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 (Both Services)

LIFE TOGETHER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“The Helper We Need for All We Struggle to Bear”

David Speakman

¹“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 15:18-27

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

RESPONSE

SONG OF RESPONSE

Trisagion

Ho - ly God.

Ho - ly and might - y.

Ho - ly im - mor - tal One,

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Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Come, O Spirit

Come, O Spirit, comfort true;
help us by Your pleading.
Come and every heart renew;
breath of God proceeding.
You alone to God can win us,
Spirit now work good within us.

All our knowledge, all our sight
lies in darkness shrouded.
All our labors wrought in strife
hath our judgment clouded.
Oh consume our wrong desires,
Holy Ghost our souls inspire.

All our riches, all our crowns
cast we now before Thee.
Scales removeth chains unbound,
boldly we implore Thee:
As you knit us once together,
Fasten us to You forever.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah,

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but Thou art mighty;

Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of Heaven,

Feed me now and evermore;

Bread of heaven,

Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of Death, and Hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye

SENDING

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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

Bagging Up Blessings - Feb. 15-Apr. 5: Fill barrels by entries with nonperishables.
Manna Bag Supplies Needed - by Mar. 31 8:30am: Shopping list in Looking Up.
Backpack Packing Party - Mar. 22 3:15-4:15pm: All ages, join us in the pavilion!
Hope Kids Worship volunteer needed for 11am service Jun. 14 and Aug. 19.

CHURCH LIFE

Deacon Nominations Open - Nomination form available in Looking Up.
MRFM Celebration Sunday - Mar. 1: Special Hope Cafe to commemorate one year.
First Wednesday Fellowship - Mar. 4 5:30-7pm: Dinner + a brief MRFM celebration.
Prayer Service - Mar. 4 7pm: All welcome to join us for a prayer service.
Poverty Awareness Simulation - Mar. 21 10am-12:30pm at Redeemer: Register now.
Praying Church Seminar - Mar. 27-28: Registration link in Looking Up.
A Thriving Marriage Workshop - Apr. 11 9am-3pm: Register now.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Combined Sunday School - Mar. 8: 2nd-5th grade in Rm 203; 3s-1st grade in RM 109.
Summer Conference Registration Now Open for the Edge and RYM.
Kids Connection - *March Verse* - I am the vine you are the branches, if you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. John 15:5

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF FEBRUARY 24TH, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 2/28	Difference	
Income	\$161,166	\$188,571	-\$27,405	-14.53%
Expense	\$246,137	\$267,633	-\$21,496	-8.03%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$84,971	-\$79,062		

ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,558,309

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE UPDATE

Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received Beyond Commitments	Total Funds Received to Date
\$8.6 million	\$5,243,302	\$730,545	\$4,362,245