

HOPE CHURCH



"Pentecost" Jesus MAFA, 1973.

Day of Pentecost
May 24, 2026

Reflections

"Every day draws forth some new corruption which before was little observed, or at least discovers it in a stronger light than before. Thus by degrees they are weaned from leaning to any supposed wisdom, power, or goodness in themselves; they feel the truth of our Lord's words, "Without me ye can do nothing;" and the necessity of crying with David, "O lead me and guide me for thy name's sake." ... Whoever is truly humbled will not be easily angry, will not be positive and rash, will be compassionate and tender to the infirmities of his fellow-sinners, knowing, that if there be a difference, it is grace that has made it, and that he has the seeds of every evil in his own heart; and, under all trials and afflictions, he will look to the hand of the Lord, and lay his mouth in the dust, acknowledging that he suffers much less than his iniquities have deserved. These are some of the advantages and good fruits which the Lord enables us to obtain from that bitter root, indwelling sin."

John Newton, Letters: "The Advantages of Remaining Sin"

"For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ."

Robert Murray M'Cheyne

"The grace of God does not find men fit for salvation, but makes them so."

Augustine of Hippo

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

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

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

We abide in him and he in us.

I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.

**I trust in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.**

I will thank you forever,
because you have done it.

**I will wait for your name, for it is good,
in the presence of the godly.**

From Romans 5, 1 John 4, Psalm 52

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 Thou Fount

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it;
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

Oh to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it!
Seal it for Thy courts above!

PRAISE SONG

Sing to Jesus

Come and see, Look on this mystery
Lord of the universe, Nailed to a tree
Christ our God, Spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts,
He is our great Redeemer
Sing to Jesus, Honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness
Pouring His life out unto death

Come, you weary, And He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, Lay on His breast
Christ who died, Risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, Giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever,
He is the king of heaven
Sing to Jesus, We are His own
Now and forever,
Sing for the love our God has . . .
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Sing for the love our God has shown

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,

all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid.
Forgive our wicked deeds and intentions.
Heal the divisions among us.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 36:25-27

RENEWAL SONG

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

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

“Renewing Our Equipping as Disciples”

Ben Shaw

²⁸ Him, [Christ], we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Colossians 1:28-2:10

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

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.

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

The Breastplate of St. Patrick

When my work takes me places I don't want to go
Christ before me
And my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road
Christ be with me

When the care of my family takes all that I have
Christ within me
When I'm worn and exhausted, ashamed that I'm mad
Christ defend me

I rise up today in a strength that is not my own
I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone

When I'm tossed to the side and I want to give up
Christ beside me
When I'm breaking my back but it's never enough
Christ beside me

When I work hard but someone else gets the reward
God's eyes see me
I ask for promotion and they shut the door
God's ears hear me

When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream
Christ above me
And I leap out in faith and I hope to find wings
Christ beneath me

SENDING

SENDING 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

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

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

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

BLESSING AND FAREWELL FOR JOHN AND SUE SPAINHOUR

BENEDICTION

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15:13

LIFE TOGETHER

SERVE

CityLights Snack Bag Wishlist in Looking Up: Needed by May 31.

Hope for the City Mission Week - June 1-4: Registration for each day open.

CHURCH LIFE

Rocks available in sanctuary to sign names, prayers, or verses on for new building.

Women's Summer Book Study - Wednesdays 7:30-9pm | June 10: Register now.

Men's Book Study - Wednesdays 12pm or Thursdays 5:30am | June 10: Rm 209.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Summer Youth Group - May 31, Jun. 14 & 28 4:30-6pm: Rising 6th + current youth.

CFA Lunches - Wednesdays 11:30-12:30: Rising 6th + Current youth; self-pay.

Kids Connection - *May Verse* - God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF MAY 19TH, 2026

	Actual to Date	Budgeted	Difference	
Income	\$515,521	\$517,022	-\$1,500	-0.29%
Expense	\$558,612	\$612,007	-\$53,395	-8.72%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$43,091	-\$94,985		

ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,558,309

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE UPDATE

Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received Beyond Commitments	Total Funds Received to Date
\$9.4 million	\$5,243,302	\$743,342	\$4,663,973