

HOPE CHURCH



Detail of faces hearing the Sermon on the Mount from *Die Bergpredigt* by Frans Francken the Younger

June 7, 2026

Reflections

“As for ‘caring for’ the Sermon on the Mount, if caring for here means ‘liking’ or enjoying, I suppose no one ‘cares’ for it. Who can enjoy being knocked flat on one’s face by a sledge-hammer? I can hardly imagine a more deadly spiritual condition than that of the man who can read the passage with tranquil pleasure.”

C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

“The Sermon on the Mount produces despair in the natural man – the very thing that Jesus meant it to do. As long as we have a self-righteous, conceited notion that we can carry out our Lord’s teaching, God will allow us to go on until we break our ignorance over some obstacle, then, when we are willing, to come to him as paupers and receive him. The bedrock in Jesus Christ’s kingdom is poverty; not decisions for Jesus, but a sense of absolute futility – I cannot do it at all. Then Jesus says, ‘Blessed are you.’ That is the entrance and it does take us a long while to believe that we are poor! The knowledge of our own poverty brings us to the moral frontier where Jesus Christ works.”

Oswald Chambers

“Jesus begins, significantly, not with demands but with blessings. This already tells us something about Jesus: he blesses before he commands, he helps before he orders.”

Dale Bruner

Order of Worship

GATHERING

Help Us to Follow

We want to serve you, crucified Lord.
Call us and send us. We will obey.
Rescue the sinner or put right the world,
Help us to follow, Jesus.

You want to follow? Take up your cross.
Move into darkness, death, and despair.
When you see those who are weltered and shamed,
You see the face of Jesus.

You want to follow? Eat of my flesh.
Feast with offenders, felons, and thieves.
When you break bread with the poor and the sick,
Then you will dine with Jesus.

I am the way and the truth and the life.
In weakness I work, with faults I prevail!
Break from your fear, your pride, and your gain,
Rest in the work of Jesus.

Call us to serve you, crucified Lord.
Guide with your spirit. Let us obey.
Save us from fear, pride, and from gain,
Help us to follow, Jesus.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

PRAISE SONG

God With Us

Oh You've come to bring peace to be love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our redemption
God with us
You are God with us

Oh You've come to be hope to this world
For Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us. We have put our longing for money, success, or happiness above our desire for you and your kingdom. We worry about what others will think, what we wear, how our reputation can be polished. We are careless with our words, saying things we don't mean, things that are hurtful to our children or friends. We are so busy with our lives that we forget our every breath depends on you. We indulge in hateful thoughts against those we feel have offended us, and we are indifferent toward the suffering in our own neighborhoods. We forget that all people bear your image. We take advantage of weakness and are passive in the face of injustice. We long for what is not ours and begrudge the blessings of others.

Forgive us for thinking of ourselves before others and before you. Free us from the power of our sin so that we may glorify you in all we think, say, and do. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-7

RENEWAL SONG

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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

“The Blessed Life of the Unconventional Kingdom”

David Speakman

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

RESPONSE

SONG OF RESPONSE

The Lord Our God Is Good

Musical notation for the song "The Lord Our God Is Good". The score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of music with lyrics "The Lord our God is good The Lord our God is good Full of". The second staff starts at measure 5 and contains the lyrics "kind-ness and com-pas - sion Mer-ci-ful_ and just The Lord our God is good The". Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, A, D, G, D, A in the first staff; G, D, F#7, Bm, G, A, D in the second staff.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

I Shall Not Want

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God

From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God
Deliver me O God

And I shall not want
No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want

From the fear of serving others
From the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility

Deliver me O God
Deliver me O God

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

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

SENDING

SENDING SONG

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor,
All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation,
All is well
Happy still in God confiding

Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow;
All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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

FAMILY UPDATES

Congrats to Olivia and Luke on the birth of Abbott Joseph: Meal plan in Looking Up.

HOPE FOR THE CITY

June Sunnyside Men's Clothing Drive: Gently used clothing + shoes: Box by office.

World Refugee Day Awareness Events - June 9 & 16: Details in Church Center.

YoungLives Ministry Needs: See Looking Up for details.

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 - 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 - *June Verse* - Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God.
Matthew 5:8

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF JUNE 2, 2026

	Actual to Date	Budgeted	Difference	
Income	\$556,682	\$573,703	-\$17,021	-2.97%
Expense	\$652,353	\$672,806	-\$20,453	-3.04%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$95,671	-\$99,103		

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	\$743,642	\$4,713,664