

HOPE CHURCH



detail from The Calling of Saint Matthew, Caravaggio 1599-1600

August 16, 2026

Reflections

“Oh thou hast here thy ninety and nine
Are they not enough for thee?’
But our shepherd made answer:
‘This of mine has wandered away from me!
And though the road be rough and steep
I go to the desert to find my sheep!
I go to the desert to find me sheep!’”

Andrew Peterson, “The Ninety and Nine”

“The surprise of Luke that outsiders are ‘in’ and insiders are ‘out’ funnels down into one central and all-important realization. In Christ we are, in the only sense that matters, *in*. Apart from the gospel, we crave to be ‘in,’ yet we never can be. In the gospel this craving is calmed as we are, once and for all, on the inside.”

Dane Ortlund, *Surprised by Jesus*

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.”

Ephesians 2:19-20 (NIV)

“Picasso said, ‘Good taste is the enemy of great art,’ which I think is very true. Good taste has all to do with being cultured and refined, and if art has to do with anything, it has to do with being human. ... The humans in the Bible are not very refined; they’re pretty goofy, if you want to know the whole truth about it. [But] God takes the junk of our lives, and he makes the greatest art in the world out of it.”

Rich Mullins

Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Grace Alone

I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear you call
But Father you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father you loved me still

And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me up so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
But nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus you paid my debt

By Your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks a heart made of stone
But Spirit you moved in me

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy.

I will feed them in justice.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me

from Ezekiel 34, Revelation 3

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 ev'ry 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.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace, now, 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, O 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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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

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

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

LIFE TOGETHER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

"The Welcome of God"

Ethan Smith

¹ He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who

Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:1-10

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

The Lord our God is good The Lord our God is good Full of

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

To Christ the Lord

To Christ the Lord let every tongue
 Its noblest tribute bring
 When He's the subject of the song
 Who can refuse to sing?
 Survey the beauties of His face
 And on His glories dwell

Think of the wonder of His grace
And all His triumphs tell

He saw me plunged in deep distress
He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross
And carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours
Upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours
And guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath
And all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death
And saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode
He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God
And makes my joy complete

Since from His bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give
Lord, they should all be Thine
A thousand men could not compose
A worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody
Our hearts can't help but sing!
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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 SONGS

Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace,
The heights and depths unknown,
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor,
The Savior's bounty taste;
Behold a never-failing store
For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of every good;
Jesus, in thee what glories shine!
How rich thy flowing blood!

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give,
And joys that never die.

SENDING

SENDING SONG

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow

May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I can-not close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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

Special thanks to those who have contributed the lovely floral arrangements
for our sanctuary windows this summer: Lacie Dickens, Susan Mitchell,
Tom and Marilyn Nicholson, Rosalyn Otto.

LIFE TOGETHER

HOPE FOR THE CITY

Kids Outreach Project for Speas Teachers: Shopping list in Looking Up.

FJPM Worship Service - Aug 23: Contact Ethan Smith to join.

CHURCH LIFE

Life Group registration for the fall is now open in Church Center.

Sunday School starts Aug 16 10am for all ages, including nursery.

Summer Splash at the Quarry - Aug 29 10am-3pm: Register by Aug 25

Gathering Hour - Aug 31 8-9pm: All women welcome at Lot63!

Women's Bible Study & Men's Cohorts begin the week of Aug 31: Register now.

First Wednesday Fellowship Dinner - Sept 2 5:30-7pm: All welcome!

Kingdom-Ministry Prayer Service - Sept 2 7pm: Please join us in Rm 107.

Thursday Morning Prayer - 7-7:30am starting Sept 3 in Rm 107 with David.

Discovering Hope - Oct 2-3: Register now for our new member class!

PARENTS & CHILDREN

All Youth and Parents Kickoff - Aug 16 4:30-6pm: Please register for childcare.

Youth Group - Sundays 4:30-6pm: Resumes Aug 23.

Kids Praise - 2nd & 4th Sundays 4:30-5:30pm: Resumes for 3rd-5th Grade Sept 13.

Kids Connection - *August Verse* - Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Matthew 5:7

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF AUG 11, 2026

	Actual to Date	Budgeted	Difference	
Income	\$836,464	\$836,280	\$185	0.02%
Expense	\$935,871	\$956,266	-\$20,395	-2.13%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$99,407	-\$119,986		

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	\$762,797	\$4,871,137