

Sunday, October 18, 2020

9:30 am Service



Our Vision:
Disciples Making Disciples

Our Mission:
**Connecting to One Another in the
Contagious Joy of Following Jesus**

Theme of the Year
Love One Another As I Have Loved You

PRESERVICE THOUGHTS: Disciples follow Jesus' call to live sacrificially with talents.

"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."
When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."
~ Mark 6:38

Alongside the call to "steward" or manage our time and treasures (financial resources) is the third "T" of talents: our abilities of both physical and spiritual gifts, not to mention to the experiences that we have picked up along life's journey. This is one more facet of laying it all out for God – heart and soul, body and mind.

When it comes to using talents and abilities to glorify God and serve Him, it's not just about what we can do on our own. There are times when we must do things on our own, but at other times God provides help through other people. When Jesus' feeds the crowd 5000+, the disciples had no food themselves, but are told to "go and see" what is available. They are to look beyond themselves to the greater group gathered. Then, with a mere five loaves and two fish, Jesus meets the needs of all present – in a miraculous way.

PRESERVICE PRAYER

Father God, remind me that the gifts are in Your people, and that while some of those people might not even be present at this moment, we could all benefit from the use of their gifts too. Let Your people work together as You desire. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Cry of My Heart”

Chorus

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

*It is the cry of my heart to follow
all of the days of my life. Repeat*

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
so I can walk in Your truth.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
and make me wholly devoted to You. O, O, O.

Chorus

Open my eyes so I can see
the wonderful things that You do.

Open my heart up more and more,
and make it wholly devoted to You. O, O, O.

Instrumental, Chorus 2X

All of the days of my life, all of the days of my life.
All of the days of my life, all of the days of my life.

“For All You’ve Done”

O cleanser of the mess I’ve made,
up on the hill our places trade,
stretched on a cross, Your body crushed
by human hands You formed from dust.

Chorus

How wonderful Your mercy is!

How awesome are Your ways!

I come, I come, to worship You for all You’ve done.

O cleanser of the mess I’ve made,
Your boundless love for me portrayed
with patience for my learning curve
by holding back what I deserve. *Chorus*

O cleanser of the mess I’ve made,
with ev’rything at Your feet laid,
I watch as all my cares erode
as from my soul the words explode. *Chorus 2X*

I come, I come, to worship You
for all You’ve done.

“I Offer My Life”

All that I am, all that I have,
I lay them down before You, O Lord; All my
regrets, all my acclaim, the joy and the pain, I’m
making them Yours.

Chorus

*Lord, I offer my life to You, ev’rything I’ve been through,
use it for Your glory; Lord, I offer my days to You, lifting
my praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice, Lord; I offer
You my life.*

Things in the past, things yet unseen, wishes and
dreams that are yet to come true; All of my
hopes, all of my plans,
my heart and my hands are lifted to You. *Chorus*

Bridge

What can we give that You have not given; And
what do we have that is not already Yours? All we
possess are these lives we’re living, and that’s what
we give to You, Lord. *Chorus*

“Today is the Day”

Oh Oh Oh, Oh Oh Oh, Oh Oh Oh
Oh Oh Oh, Oh Oh Oh, Oh Oh Oh.
I'm casting my cares aside.
I'm leaving my past behind.
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours.
Believing they are so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good.
It's good.

Chorus 1

*Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow.
I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.*

I'm putting my fears aside.
I'm leaving my doubts behind.
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours,
Believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good.
It's good.

Chorus 1, Instrumental

Bridge

I will stand upon Your truth.
(I will stand upon Your truth.)
And all my days I'll live for You.
(All my days I'll live for You.)
And I will stand upon Your truth.
(I will stand upon Your truth.)
And all my days I'll live for You.
(All my days I'll live for You.)

Chorus 2

*Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow.
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.
Where you lead me I will follow.
I'm trusting in what you say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.
Today's the day. Today is the day. Today is the day.*

WELCOME and SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

INVOCATION (and OPENING SENTENCES) *Titus 3:4–7*

Pastor: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

People: We are heirs, adopted into God's family and celebrated in our baptism.

Pastor: And we remember that baptism again today in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 686

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.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer*
Hither by Thy help I've 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 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.

** (Ebenezer means stone of help –
a testimony to God's help in the past)*

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (with repentance included)

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray; always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve.

People: Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy.

- **We pray for forgiveness where we have where we have misused, abused or neglected our gifts;**
- **We pray for wisdom and understanding where we are unaware of our gifts;**
- **We pray for guidance where we are confused on how or when or where to use our gifts;**
- **We pray for teamwork and patience where we need to combine our gifts.**
- **We pray for strength and perseverance where we are tempted to withdraw our gifts for whatever reason.**

Pastor: Father God, thank You for the forgiveness that comes only through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, for the wisdom, understanding and guidance that comes through the Spirit of God, for teamwork that comes through the Body of Christ, and strength and perseverance that comes through faith in You. Keep us strong till the end.

People: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Great Thou Art”

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Chorus

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Chorus*

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
Chorus

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 13:15-21, 1 Peter 4:10-11

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 4:10-11) Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

DISCIPLESHIP POINT

Reader: In relation to God, your serving assists in building the kingdom and pleases your Heavenly Father. In relation to fellow Christians, your serving builds up the body of Christ and expresses love. In relation to those outside the church, your serving becomes a testimony to the grace of God in your life. In relation to yourself, your serving puts God and others first and helps you fulfill your calling as an administrator of God's grace (see Ephesians 4:7).

The Apostle Peter wrote "*you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*"

1 Peter 2:5

God assigned priests with different roles, but those roles generally fell into two categories:

- Representing God to mankind and
- Representing man to God, either individually or as a group.

In short we represent God to the world, and the world to God – representing both God and men (just like Jesus). It is a divine act. Divine service, in some Christian circles, is a title heading for a worship service.

The idea behind the title is that service is occurring in worship. The primary service is being done by God Himself through Word and sacraments – hence “Divine” service. Those who are serving in that worship venue (pastor, musicians, communion assistants) are vessels for the God who is serving, making them “Divine servants”. Similarly, we are agents of God in the world – representatives, disciples, ambassadors for God – all titles for divine servants as we live and serve in Jesus’ name.

DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

Reader: Join me in praying:

People: Father God, I am grateful to have been a recipient of Your divine service through Jesus. I pray that I can also be a conduit of Your divine service to others. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him.

“Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE STORY

Jeremiah 18:1-10

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me. He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.

And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

Reader: This is God’s story, the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE*“Change My Heart”*

Change my heart, Oh God, make it ever true;
 Change my heart Oh God, may I be like You.
 You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me
 and make me, this is what I pray.

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul vonWerder

PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST and OFFERING**OFFERING HYMN***“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* 805

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. Amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and sits at
 the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge
 the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

VISION MOMENT

Nancy Tavaréz

Mission

Connecting to one another in the
 contagious joy of following Jesus

Breaking down the Mission – Week 1
 “Connecting to one another”

Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:37-39 that we are to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus further tells us in John 15:12 to love each other as He has loved us. We at Hope believe that to truly love our neighbor we need connect and build relationships through and under the unifying love of Christ, just as He had with his Father, as He did with His disciples and as He did with those He cared for that crossed His path.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church throughout the world, that the goodness of God may be shared in every language and by every tongue. Lord, lead us as You did the early Church in Jerusalem, by Spirit and Word, through disciples that seek to follow Your calling in life. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world making up those languages and tongues. Lord, enable receptive hearts and minds, remove spiritual blindness, and permit Your Gospel to reach all ears regardless of the leadership and politics of those nations. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those whose work put them in danger – for military personnel, for police, fire, and other rescue workers: Lord, we turn to You for protection of these workers. We also seek guidance in relating to them as a society, in respecting them, and in holding them accountable for appropriate usage of their authority. Let us disciples lead the way in this challenge to Your glory; Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those whose lives are full of burdens and challenges; God of mercy and healing, we commend to You... [*names of those gathered on prayer requests or already known*]. Bring wellness and health, healing and spiritual prosperity to them and to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray that our offerings – be they time, talents, treasures, or personal relationships – that they are sacrifices acceptable to You, O Lord, and that, with Your blessing, they get used to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF PROVISION

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 trespasses

**as we forgive those who trespass
against us**

**Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever, Amen.**

PREFACE

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Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalms 136*]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise You for Jesus, Your only-begotten son, by whose sacrifice and authority we are welcome into Your presence. Accept our thanksgiving by our presence and participation in this holy sacrament.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

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O Lord, we praise Thee,
bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

HOPE PRAYER BOX(ES)

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (taken from Scripture)

Pastor: Let's remind ourselves who we are in Christ Jesus:

- **In Christ, God himself is my only master, whom I serve in the name of Jesus Christ. All other would-be masters are usurpers to be forcefully submitted to God, including money.**
- **Through Christ, God is working in me to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.**
- **In Christ, I am a steward of God's grace, seeking to use whatever gift I have received to serve others. To God be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION FOR THE WEEK

Pastor: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will.

People: And may He work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" 917

Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Don't forget to turn in your Acorn count.
- Congregational Voters Meeting for LIVE UCF Call Document, today after the Service.
- Special mailing coming this week related to Hope's Vision of the Future.
- Care Calling campaign is happening now – if you don't hear from someone at Hope by Oct 31, call the office to ensure we have your correct contact information.

EXIT INVOCATION

Pastor: We are a discipleship-oriented church.
As disciples of Jesus, let's follow in His path of
loving and serving.

**People: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit; Amen!**

CLOSING SONG *"My Life Is in You, Lord"*

Chorus

My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.
My life is in You, Lord. My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength,
All of my hope, is in You. *Chorus*

It's in You, it's in You
it's in You, it's in You it's in You.

Sunday Worship

Prayer & Praise at 9:00 am

Worship at 9:30 am

Discipleship Hour after the service.

Go to our website for a link to Facebook
for the live stream of the service,
a copy of the bulletin, and Immersion.