



Seeking to bring the
life-giving Hope of Jesus Christ
to our community in Hot Springs, AR

Celebration of Worship
Lord's Day
Sunday, May 30, 2021

Gathering Song

Be Thou My Vision #642

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Call to Worship

Let us worship God.
Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

**Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!**

May the Lord bless you from Zion,
He who made heaven and earth!

Psalm 134:1-2

The Prayer of Invocation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #457

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 Thy 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, wandering 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 Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering 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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, great God, All holy; Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are ashamed to come before You. For we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against you. We have rejected your holy laws. We are filled with arrogance and pride. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our transgressions before You. Forgive us; not on the the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy, in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

"Let each of you truly acknowledge that he is a sinner, humbling himself before God, and believe that the heavenly Father wills to be gracious unto him in Jesus Christ. To all those that repent in this way, and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare that the absolution of sins is effected, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, according to God's Word: 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.'

From John Calvin's Strasbourg Liturgy, 1545

The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled – when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all – here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe ...
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save ...
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine: bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Tithes and Offerings

Our offering is an act of worship where we respond to the goodness and mercy of God with our gratitude and reliance on Him for all things. If you are our guest today, please feel under no obligation to give. One of our deacons will be holding an offering plate by the sanctuary doors as you leave the sanctuary.

Hymn of Response

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less #521

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand!

All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand!

All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O, may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We invite all baptized Christians who profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation and are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel to join us in taking the Lord's Supper. We offer both grape juice and wine. When you come forward the grape juice will be in the outer ring of the tray and the wine in the inner rings. Please hold both elements; we will take them together after everyone is served..

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 for us to give thanks and praise.

Most righteous God, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in the expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Words of Institution **1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV**

The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
For as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Doxology #731

(Tune: "Old Hundredth" from the Genevan Psalter)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

A Note to Visitors

**If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,
if you are struggling and you desire victory,
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a savior,
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.
To the stranger in need of fellowship,
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
and to whoever will come,
Hope Church Hot Springs opens wide its doors
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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