



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

Celebration of Worship
Lord's Day
Sunday, October 3, 2021

Gathering Song

Standing On The Promises (Ephesians 6:14-17)

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior.
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail;
By the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

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Call to Worship

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

**He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.**

1 Timothy 3:16

The Prayer of Invocation

And Can It Be? #455

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?

***Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!***

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess to You now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave Himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, That He may give us power to live as, by Your mercy, You have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tim. 1:15) Let everyone, with St. Paul, truly acknowledge this in his heart and believe in Christ. Thus, in His name, I proclaim unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, and declare you to be loosed of them on earth, that you be loosed of them also in heaven, in eternity. Amen."

From Martin Bucer's Strasbourg Liturgy (1539)

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.**

The Church's One Foundation #347

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

"The Church's One Foundation," Words Samuel J. Stone, Music Samuel S. Wesley

Scripture Reading

Genesis 37

The Sermon from God's Word

Rev. Scott Davis

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. If you would like to give a tithe or offering today there will be someone with an offering plate standing by the sanctuary doors as you leave.

Hymn of Response

It Is Well With My Soul #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

*It is well (It is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin -- O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” -- it is well with my soul.

“It Is Well with My Soul,” Words: Horatio Gates Spafford, Music: Philip P. Bliss, Public Domain

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.

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.**

Children at Hope Church

To parents of young children may we suggest:

God gave children the vibrant energy that sometimes causes them to wiggle and make noise. They belong right here with God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. Stick with it!

Feel free to sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor and elders.

Sing the songs and participate in the prayers and the responses. Children learn how to worship by watching you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so. But, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

To the members of our church:

Children are a gift, not a distraction. The sound of children in the church is the sound of Jesus keeping his promises; it is the sound of his church that lives on and never dies. Please welcome children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Announcements

Theology on Tap, our weekly bible study will be this Tuesday evening at 6:30. We'll be meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott lobby. The hotel is located on Central Avenue behind Bone's Steakhouse (across the street from the bowling alley.)

We'll be having a congregational meeting on October 17th for the purpose of electing Billy Eddy to serve as a ruling elder here at Hope Church. If you're a member of Hope Church make plans to stay after the service to attend this important meeting.

Our ladies book club is going to begin a new book next month. They'll be studying "Ragged: Spiritual Disciplines for the Spiritually Exhausted" by Gretchen Ronnevik. There will be both daytime and evening options available. See Leigh Anne Davis or Courtney Zeiser for questions.

Jonathan Sargent, one of our Hope Church interns will be standing for his ordination exam this Tuesday at our meeting of Covenant Presbytery in Memphis, Tennessee. He'll be officially installed as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Russellville on the evening of October 10th. We'd love to have a good sized Hope Church delegation there that evening.

Pastor Scott, Billy Eddy, Nathan Inman and Justin Bryant will be traveling to Memphis tomorrow for our presbytery meeting. Please pray for safe travel for them.

Did you know that Pastor Scott has a podcast? "Assurance of Pardon" is a weekly podcast with his co-host Gage Jordan from First Presbyterian Church of Dyersburg, TN. Each week they discuss what Presbyterians believe and teach. If you're looking for an easy to understand explanation of our theology and doctrines for yourself or to share with a friend- check out Assurance of Pardon. It is available on iTunes or wherever you get your podcasts.