



rest for the weary and a reason to hope

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HOPE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Calling Upon God in Prayer

* Call to Worship – Psalm 105:1-2, 6

* Hymn – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

Responsive Reading - Psalm 103:1-5

- ¹ Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- ² Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits
- ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
⁴ **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with
love and compassion,**
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Congregational Prayer

Assurance of Pardon - 1 John 1:5-9

*Hymn - God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.

Take courage now, you fearful saints;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.

And I will trust the hands that made the starry heavens,
And I will trust the wounds of Calvary,
And I will trust, and I will not be afraid;
For all his ways are love.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;

The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

And I will trust the hands that made the starry heavens,
And I will trust the wounds of Calvary,
And I will trust, and I will not be afraid.
And I will trust the hands that made the starry heavens,
And I will trust The wounds of Calvary
And I will trust, and I will not be afraid;
For all his ways are love, for all his ways are love.

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Worshipping God Through Giving

Offertory

Message - The Good Hand of Our God

Nehemiah 2:1-8

Pastor Don Waltermyer

*Hymn - And, Can it Be?

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest 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, shouldst 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.
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.

My chains fell off; my heart was free,
I rose, went forth and followed Thee
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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 th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Benediction

*Postlude

* congregation please stand

Sermon Notes

The Good Hand of Our God

Nehemiah 2:1-8

In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. ²And the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid. ³I said to the king, "Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" ⁴Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it." ⁶And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him), "How long will you be gone, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me when I had given him a time. ⁷And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, ⁸and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

Introduction

I. Enables You to Face _____

II. Is More _____ than You Could

III. Changes the World _____

Announcements

Welcome to Hope Community Church! We're glad that you're here and can join with us as we worship God, learn and grow, and enjoy the warmth and joy of our church family. Please stay after the service for snacks, drinks, and a time of fellowship together.

A Congregational Meeting will be held shortly after the conclusion of our worship service today. All members are requested to attend.

Relaunch Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 7:45 AM
The information for joining this Zoom meeting is posted on our website under the 'Get Involved' page.

Kalman Home Fellowship Group – Wednesday, Jan. 25, 7:00 PM

Sunday School for adults and children is held every Sunday at 9:30 AM. This is one valuable way to grow as a Christian, and to enjoy discussion together about the Scriptures. The adults are studying the book of Romans.

A Women's Bible Study begins on Saturday, February 11. We will be meeting from 8-9 am via Zoom each Saturday morning for 7 weeks. Speak with Caitlin Kalman if you are interested.

Our "On-Call" Nursery Staffing for January:

Lead: Bill Quackenbush, Secondary Alternate 1: Karen Pericles
Secondary Alternate 2: Carol Badia

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