



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 95:1-2

* Hymn – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before him!
Let the “amen” sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

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 - Isaiah 53:7-12

*Hymn - I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)

For God alone, I wait in silence;
My soul is still before the Lord.
He is my rock and my salvation,
My fortress strong; I trust in Him.
I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in His love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I wait and trust His steadfast love!

Put not your hope in gain of riches;
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,
Who turn to God alone for help.
I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,
For all my hope is in His love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I wait and trust His steadfast love!

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you;
No other love will not run dry.
I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,

For all my hope is in His love.
From God alone comes my salvation;
I wait and trust His steadfast love!
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Worshipping God Through Giving

Offertory

Message - When You're Not So Sure That God is Good

James 1:16-18

Pastor Don Waltermeyer

*Hymn - How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

* congregation please stand

Sermon Notes

When You're Not So Sure That God Is Good

James 1:16-18

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Introduction

I. Reject the _____ Most Harmful _____

II. His _____ of _____ Runs
Non-Stop

III. He Breathes _____ Into Us

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.

Relaunch Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, May 24, 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, May 31, 7:00 PM.

Our Next Open Gym will take place on Saturday evening, June 10. Open Gym is a time of games, activities, and crafts, pizza, and a brief message from the Bible. It's for children and youth from grades 1-8. This is a ministry to our own kids and our neighbors, as we show Christ's love by serving them by providing a beneficial evening of activities.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America meets from June 12-16 in Memphis, TN. This is a gathering of pastors, ruling elders, family, and friends, for worship, determining how best to proclaim the gospel, and review of the various ministries of the PCA.

Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving – today (5/21) has been set aside as a day of prayer and thanksgiving for the PCA to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Convocation of Sessions held in Atlanta on May 19, 1973, marking one of the significant initial steps that led to the formation of the PCA in December of the same year.

Hope Community Church (PCA)

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Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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