

# GOOD HOPE

Presbyterian Church

March 17, 2019

*“Beware of practicing your  
righteousness before other people  
in order to be seen by them . . . .”*

Matthew 6:1

## Lord’s Day Morning

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1–3

“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!”

CHOIR

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

M. Ippolito-Ivanof

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
Blessed art Thou, O Lord;  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless His holy Name.  
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;  
who crowneth thee with lovingkindness.  
He will not always chide: neither will He,  
will He keep His anger, His anger forever.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless His holy Name.  
Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

HYMN 101

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

RESPONSIVE READING

Luke 18:1–8

**Leader:** And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.  
**People:** And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a

while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

**Leader:** And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them?

**People:** I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”

HYMN

*The Lord Is My Salvation*

The grace of God has reached for me,  
And pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground:  
The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,  
His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Chorus:*

*Who is like the Lord our God?*

*Strong to save, faithful in love.*

*My debt is paid and the vict'ry won:*

*The Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord,  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades I know spring will come:  
The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,  
When I know loss, when I am weak.  
I know His grace will renew these days:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Chorus*

And when I reach my final day,  
He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, He will call me home:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Chorus*

Glory be to God, the Father,  
Glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit;  
The Lord is our salvation.

*(2 times)*

The Lord is our Salvation.  
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RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

Rob, Megan, Will, Lucy,  
and Georgia Swartz

CHILDREN'S STORY

*(Children ages 3 and under may be dismissed to the nursery).*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

“May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:11–14

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN 631

*From Every Stormy Wind That Blows*

THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

Questions 178, 181, 182

**Q.** What is prayer?

**A.** Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of the Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of His mercies.

**Q.** Why are we to pray in the name of Christ?

**A.** The sinfulness of man, and his distance from God by reason thereof, being so great, as that we can have no access into His presence without a mediator; and there being none in heaven or earth appointed to, or fit for, that glorious work but Christ alone, we are to pray in no other name but His only.

**Q.** How does the Spirit help us to pray?

**A.** We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helps our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces which are requisite for the right performance of that duty.

HYMN

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heaven He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free,  
For God, the Just, is satisfied,  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The Risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
That great unchangeable I Am,  
The King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood,  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

UNISON READING

Hebrews 4:14–16

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN 662

*As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams*

*(Children ages 4 to 8 may be dismissed to Children’s Church).*

SERMON PASSAGE

Matthew 6:1–8, 16–18  
(page 1030, blue Bible)

SERMON

*Out In the Open of Secrecy*

Mr. Waller

HYMN 111

*This Is My Father’s World*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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