

# GOOD HOPE

Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2019

## Lord's Day Morning

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1, 4, 8

HYMN 53

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

RESPONSIVE READING

John 15:1–11

**Leader:** “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

**People:** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

**Leader:** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

**People:** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

**Leader:** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

**People:** These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

HYMN

*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.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS Chris, Cara, Jack, Patrick,  
Tommy and Charlie DiPompeo

BAPTISM OF CHARLIE DiPOMPEO

CHILDREN'S STORY

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

MISSIONS FOCUS

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN 629 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Questions 116–119

**Q. Why do Christians Need to Pray?**

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives His grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking Him for them.

**Q. How Does God Want Us to Pray So That He Will Listen To Us?**

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed Himself in His Word, asking for everything He has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must acknowledge our needs and misery, hiding nothing, and humble ourselves in His majestic presence. Third, we must rest on His unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what He promised us in His Word.

**Q. What Did God Command Us To Pray For?**

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord Himself taught us.

**Q. What Is This Prayer?**

A. Our Father who is in heaven. Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 the 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:  
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SERMON PASSAGE Matthew 7:7–12

SERMON *He Is Ready To Make Us Steady!* Mr. Waller

HYMN 287 *It Is Well with My Soul*

BENEDICTION Jude 24, 25