

# GOOD HOPE

Presbyterian Church

September 15, 2019

## Lord's Day Morning

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-2

“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!”

HYMN 297 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

HYMN 355 *We Are God's People*

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Questions 1 & 2

**Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?**

A. That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in Heaven: in fact, all things work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

**Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?**

A. Three things:  
first, how great my sin and misery are;  
second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;  
third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

HYMN

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises,  
Robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness,  
Now the light of life has come!  
Look to Christ who condescended,  
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:  
He the perfect Son of Man.  
In His living, in His suffering,  
Never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam,  
Come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:  
Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption,  
See the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory,  
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry:  
Slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him.  
Praise the Lord: He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,  
How unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes.

CHILDREN'S STORY

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

RESPONSIVE READING

John 10:1–11

**Leader:** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

**People:** This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

**Leader:** So Jesus said again to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**People:** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN 481

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

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

SERMON PASSAGE

Ephesians 1:15–23  
(blue Bible, page 1241)

SERMON

*Better Eyes!*

Mr. Waller

HYMN

*Compassion Hymn*

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us  
When the Radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost;  
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress  
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, You reached out Your hand

As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again;  
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,  
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

*Chorus:*

*What boundless love, what fathomless grace*

*You have shown us, O God of compassion!*

*Each day we live an offering of praise*

*As we show to the world Your compassion.*

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face  
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace,  
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief  
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

*Chorus*

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace  
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need—  
To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries  
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

*Chorus*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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