

New Hope Reformed Church: Service of the Lord's Supper
The Lord's Day, October 15, 2023

*leader: plain text; ***congregation/all: bold, italic text***

standing

Call To Worship:

Serve the Lord with gladness;

come before His presence with singing.

Song 1: Psalm 103: 1-13

[tune: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"](#)

Bless the Lord, my soul, my whole heart;
Ever bless His holy name,
Bless the Lord, my soul, forget not
All His mercies to proclaim.

Who forgives all thy transgressions,
Thy diseases Who all heals;
Who redeems thee from destruction,
Who with thee so kindly deals.

Who with love and mercy crowns thee,
Satisfies thy mouth with good,
So that even like eagle
Thou art blessed with youth renewed.
In His righteousness Jehovah
Will deliver those distressed;
He will execute just judgment
In the cause of all oppressed.

He made known His ways to Moses,
And His acts to Isra'el's race;
Tender, loving is Jehovah;
Slow to anger, rich in grace.
He will not forever chide us,
Nor will keep His anger still,
Has not dealt as we offended,
Nor requited us our ill.

For as high as is the heaven,
Far above the earth below,
Ever great to them that fear Him

Is the mercy He will show.
Far as east from west is distant,
He has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a father
Has Jehovah's pity been.

Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, maker and preserver of all things visible and invisible, we adore You in Your infinite majesty, and bless You for Your wondrous love revealed in Jesus Christ, Your Son our Savior, to Whom, with You, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Reading responsively, let us confess the Law of our God.

Reading of the Law:

A lawyer [of the Pharisees] asked [Jesus] a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"
Jesus said to him,

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind". This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself". On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

kneeling

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant according to Your promises that You have declared to mankind through Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord Jesus Christ has bestowed power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to those who are truly repentant, His absolution and remission of their sin. Therefore, may Jesus Christ absolve you of your sins, as you also remember His admonishment, to “go and sin no more“. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Psalter: Psalm 103: 14-22

[tune: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”](#)

For our frame He well remembers;
That we are but dust He knows;
As for man, like grass he rises;
As the flower in field he grows;
Over it the wind now passes;
In a moment it is gone;
In its place where once it flourished
It shall never more be known.

But Jehovah's loving kindness
Unto them that fear His name
From eternity abideth
To eternity the same.
And His righteousness remaineth
To their children and their seed,
Who His covenant remember
And His precepts hear and heed.

In the heavens has Jehovah
Founded His eternal throne;
Over all is His dominion;
He is king and He alone.
Bless the Lord, all you His angels,
You on whom He strength conferred,
Who His orders are performing,
Who obey His every word.

Bless the Lord, all you His servants,
Hosts that know and do His will,
Who forever wait upon Him,
All His pleasure to fulfill.

Bless the Lord, all you His creatures,
All His works with one accord
In all parts of His dominion,
O my soul, bless thou the Lord.

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Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:3

Sermon

Catechism Recitation

Membership Vows, Michael Crawley (Mikey)

Michael Crawley (Mikey) has requested that he be received into covenant membership of New Hope Reformed Church. He will share a brief testimony of Christ's work in his life.

Do you profess your firm belief in the Christian doctrine as taught perfectly by the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and embraced by the faithful people of God in the world, and resolve by divine help to conform yourself to the proper obedience of this gospel as long as you live?

Do you surrender yourself to the One True God, who is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and publicly proclaim Him this day to be your God, your Father, your Savior, your sanctifier and leader, and receive Him as your portion forever?

Do you surrender yourself to the blessed Jesus, who is the one true divine and human mediator for the people of God, and adhere to Him as the head of His people in the Covenant of Grace, relying upon Him alone as your Prophet, Priest and King, to bring you to eternal blessedness?

Do you desire, with dependence on His promised and powerful grace, to walk together with us as a church of our Lord Jesus Christ in the faith and order of the gospel, so far as the same shall be revealed to us, conscientiously attending to the public worship of God, the sacraments of His New Testament; the discipline of His Kingdom according to the Platform of Unity affixed to the Savoy Declaration of 1658, along with all His holy institutions, living in communion with one another, and watchfully avoiding all sinful stumbling-blocks and contentions as becomes a people whom God has bound up together in a common life?

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Q. What is God's will for us in the fifth commandment?

A. That I show honor, love, and loyalty to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I submit myself with proper obedience to all their good teaching and correction; and also that I be patient with their failings, for through them God chooses to rule us.

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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 do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

O God, who gives to all men generously and freely, please graciously accept this offering, and sanctify it for the work of Your Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Supper

Hear the words of the Holy Gospel, taken from Saint Matthew: "As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body". Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins". Now, in Christ's Name, I take these elements, the bread and the wine, to be set apart by prayer and thanksgiving to the holy use for which He has appointed them. Let us pray:

O God, You have, by the blood of Your dear Son, set apart for us a new and a way into the Holiest of All. Cleanse our minds, we implore You by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that, drawing near unto You with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, we may receive these, Your gifts, without sin, and worthily magnify Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The bread, which we break is, by faith, a participation in the Body of Christ.

In just like manner, the cup that we bless is, by faith, a participation in the Blood of Christ.

Closing Prayer

O God, Who has brought us together into the fellowship of the table of Your dear Son, we implore You to make all in our congregation a family of one heart and mind in love towards You. Please grant that our common life and work may help to bring in Your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

standing

Song 2: Psalm 19:1-6

[tune: "Rejoice! The Lord Is King"](#)

The heavn's above declare
The glory of our God;
And what His hands have made
The skies proclaim abroad.
Day after day they pour forth speech,
And night by night their knowledge teach.

There is no language used
Or any spoken word;
No sound is made by them
And yet their voice is heard.
Throughout the world their voice resounds,
Their words to earth's remotest bounds.

In heav'n God pitched a tent,
A dwelling for the sun,
Which like a bridegroom comes
Or strong man keen to run.
Its course from east to west complete-
There's nothing hidden from its heat.

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Amen.**

Doxology: Psalm 19:7-14

tune: "Rejoice! The Lord Is King"

The perfect law of God
Revives the soul of man;
His statutes which are sure
Make wise the simple one.
The precepts of the Lord are right
And fill the heart with great delight.

God's radiant commands
Shed light on what we see;
The fear of God is pure
And lasts eternally.
The standards of the Lord express
His perfect truth and righteousness.

Of far more worth than gold-
Than much pure gold-they are;
Than honey from the comb,
Than honey sweeter far.
They warn the servant of the Lord;
In keeping them is great reward.

Who can discern his faults?
Forgive my hidden sin.
Keep me from willful deeds;
May they not rule within.
And then I shall be free from blame
And guiltless of transgression's shame.

Lord, let the words I speak
Be pleasing in Your sight,
And may my inmost thoughts
Be in your judgment right.
O Lord, You are a Rock to me;
You have redeemed and set me free.