



Old Goshenhoppen Reformed Church

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The Bible does indeed promise health & wealth for God's people, but this promise will not be fully realized until heaven & earth are restored (Rev. 21:1-4). While we do see some of the first fruits of these physical blessings when God heals and provides for us, we must understand that we will suffer. The only thing promised to us at all times is "every spiritual blessing" (Eph. 1:3).

– R.C. Sproul

Order of Worship

*=Stand if Able

Chimes & Announcements

Candle Lighting

Prelude

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 40:6-8 (ESV)

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the
LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

***Hymn #231 – Arise Your Light Is Come!**

***INVOCATION**

STATEMENT OF FAITH: HEIDELBERG DAY #52

CORPORATE PRAYER &

The LORD'S PRAYER

***Hymn #191 – It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

Receiving New Members

You are like living stones that are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

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**Sermon – He begins with this, It's all according to His plan
Ephesians 1:1–6 (ESV)**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace to you & peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.



**OUR PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN
Our CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

O God, we look beyond ourselves, upon a world of false hopes and broken promises, and we are prone to lower our expectations.

We look within ourselves, upon mixed motives and wounded hearts, and we are inclined to despair.

And yet the good news is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
your promise will be fulfilled; your covenant is everlasting;
your words will not pass away.

Draw near to us; fill us with hope;
remind us that the day of the Lord is surely coming.

OUR ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Isaiah 40:25–26 (ESV)

25 To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? **says the Holy One.**

26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name;
by the greatness of his might
and because he is strong in power,
not one is missing.



RESPONSE TO HIS PARDON #181 Of the Father's Love Begotten (v.4)

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be; honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory evermore and evermore! Amen.

A FINAL JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD

***Hymn #232 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

***BENEDICTION** (a final good word from God)

***CLOSING RESPONSE #179 – Joy To The World (v1)**

***CHIMES AND SERVICE OF ACOLYTE**

***POSTLUDE –**