



LIVING HOPE

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead....”

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

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The Lord's Day, March 14, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation *Ephesians 1:2*
Call to Worship *Psalm 113:1-3*
*Hymn *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" no. 224 (insert)*
*Invocation *Psalm 124:8*

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance *Ephesians 5:15-21*
Congregational Confession of Sin *(insert)*
Assurance of Pardon *Ephesians 2:4-5, 8*
*Psalm *"Praise Waits for Thee in Zion" no. 65C (insert)*

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 64:1-12 (insert)*
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *(insert)*
*Hymn *"Be Thou My Vision" no. 446 (insert)*
*The Apostles' Creed *(insert)*
Collection & Prayer *2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading *Mark 1:9-11 (insert)*
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8*
Sermon **WHY WAS JESUS BAPTIZED?**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Closing Prayer

*Hymn *"O God, We Praise Thee" no. 210 (insert)*
*Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Congregational Confession of Sins

MERCIFUL FATHER, we acknowledge and admit our great sinfulness by reason of original sin, and by reason of actual sins, having done what is forbidden and leaving undone what is commanded. We have despised your goodness by living against the leading of your Spirit; we have failed to walk worthy of the grace of your Son.

Forgive us by the righteous obedience and perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Through his blood, wash us whiter than snow. Help us to live by faith and with the obedience which comes from faith. Through our faithful Savior. Amen.

65C

Praise Waits for Thee in Zion

1. ¹Praise waits for thee in Zi - on; all men shall wor - ship there
 2. ⁴How blest the man thou call - est and bring - est near to thee,
 3. ⁵O God of our sal - va - tion, since thou dost love the right,
 4. ⁶Thy might sets fast the moun - tains; strength girds thee ev - er - more
 5. ⁹To bless the earth thou send - est from thine a - bun - dant store

and pay their vows be - fore thee, ²O God who hear - est prayer.
 that in thy courts for - ev - er his dwell - ing place may be;
 • thou wilt an an - swer send us in won - drous deeds of might.
⁷to calm the rag - ing peo - ples and still the o - cean's roar.
 the wa - ters of the spring - time, en - rich - ing it once more.

³Our sins rise up a - gainst us, pre - vail - ing day by day,
 He shall with - in thy tem - ple be sat - is - fied with grace
 • In all earth's hab - i - ta - tions, on all the bound - less sea,
⁸Thy maj - es - ty and great - ness are through all lands con - fessed,
¹⁰The seed by thee pro - vid - ed is sown o'er hill and plain,

but thou wilt show us mer - cy and take our guilt a - way.
 and filled with all the good - ness of thy most ho - ly place.
 • man finds no sure re - li - ance, no peace, a - part from thee.
 and joy on earth thou send - est a - far, from east to west.
 and thou with gen - tle show - ers dost bless the spring - ing grain.

6. ¹¹The year with good thou crownest,
 the earth thy mercy fills,
¹²the wilderness is fruitful,
 and joyful are the hills;
¹³with corn the vales are covered,
 the flocks in pastures graze;
 all nature joins in singing
 a joyful song of praise.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-12

- ¹ Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
- ² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- ³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- ⁴ From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
- ⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time,
and shall we be saved?
- ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- ⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
- ⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
- ⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people.

¹⁰ Your holy cities have become a wilderness;
Zion has become a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.

¹¹ Our holy and beautiful house,
where our fathers praised you,
has been burned by fire,
and all our pleasant places have become ruins.

¹² Will you restrain yourself at these things, O LORD?
Will you keep silent, and afflict us so terribly?

The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. **AMEN.**

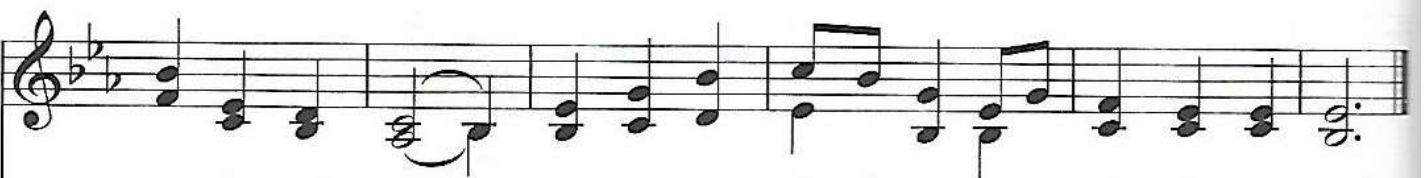
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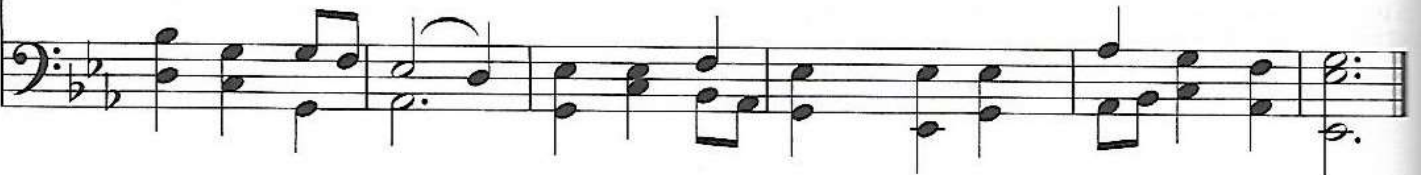
1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-



day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all.



Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.
 Tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come
to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. **AMEN.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:9-11

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

O God, We Praise Thee

1. O God, we praise thee and confess that thou the on - ly Lord
 2. To thee all an - gels cry a - loud; to thee the pow'rs on high,
 3. O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, whom heav'n - ly hosts o - bey,
 4. Th'a - pos - tles' glo - rious com - pa - ny and proph - ets crowned with light,

and ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther art, by all the earth a - dored.
 both cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, con - tin - ual - ly do cry.
 the world is with the glo - ry filled of thy maj - es - tic ray.
 with all the mar - tyrs' no - ble host, thy con - stant praise re - cite.

5. The holy church throughout the world,
 O Lord, confesses thee,
 that thou eternal Father art,
 of boundless majesty.

6. Thine honored, true, and only Son,
 and Holy Ghost, the Spring
 of never-ceasing joy: O Christ,
 of glory thou art King.

	GREETERS	USHERS
Mar 14	The Naces	R. Lang; K. Brown
Mar 21	Barb VM	D. Forbeck; R. Lang
Mar 28	The Riggs	B. Rigg; J. Johnsson

Welcome to Living Hope Presbyterian Church! We're a Reformed & Presbyterian congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Questions? Call the church office at (717) 334-7157 or contact Pastor Van Meerbeke (vanmeerbeke@livinghopegettysburg.org; (717) 253-4575) or Pastor Siggins (siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org; (814) 933-6321).

New Member! Gloria Serrao will be received into membership on Sunday, March 28th.

Women's Bible Study meets the 1st & 3rd **Thursdays at 10:30 am** at the church. We are studying *When You Pray* by Philip Ryken. Please come as you are able.

Redeemer OPC in Danville will be hosting a **Missions Conference** on **March 27th**. Lunch will be provided and childcare will be available. A freewill offering will be received to support the 2021 Thank Offering. Please **R.S.V.P. by March 17** to Pastor Post at post.1@opc.org.

Women's Spring Forum and Luncheon: *With All Your Heart* by Craig Troxel—**April 24th from 11:00-1:00 pm**. Living Hope Ladies will gather at the church to watch the Spring Forum together (bring your own lunch). Please let Barbara Mauchamer know if you are planning to attend (stillwaterfarmpa@yahoo.com). If you'd prefer to watch from home, you can register by the link in the Living Hope Weekly.

We are committed to serving you in any way we can during these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for pastoral care or diaconal assistance!

If you wish to give your tithe and offering online, instead of in-person, you can find the link in the Living Hope Weekly email.

Welcome to Living Hope Presbyterian Church! We're a member congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) organized in 1983. Our purpose is to glorify God in divine worship, gospel witness, and mutual edification. The OPC is a member of NAPARC, the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council, whose member denominations agree on many matters related to the Bible, creeds, and church polity.

We regularly confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Our faith is best described in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Larger Catechism, and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

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Schedule at Living Hope Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service of Worship

9:00 am

11:00 am