

LIVING HOPE CHURCH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 11, 2025

REFLECTION

“Nehemiah’s walk with God was saturated with his praying, and praying of the truest and purest kind—namely, the sort of praying that is always seeking to clarify its own vision of who and what God is, and to celebrate his reality in constant adoration, and to rethink in his presence such needs and requests as one is bringing to him, so that the stating of them becomes a specifying of ‘hallowed be thy name...thy will be done...for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.’” - J. I. Packer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40:1-8, 16

PASTOR: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

CONGREGATION: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

PASTOR: Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

CONGREGATION: In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book, it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

ALL: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!”

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**Those who are able, please stand.*

1. Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

2. Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be

3. Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

4. Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

*CONFESSION OF SIN - PSALM 51:1-11; 15-18

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions, Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 9:11-12; 14

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Ancient Words

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1. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

2. Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

*Chorus: Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart*

3. Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ
*Chorus
O let the ancient words impart*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

This Is My Father's World

arr. Babcock

*SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 1:4-11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Reverend Mark A. Forbes

*SONG OF RESPONSE

By Faith

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1. By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus:

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

4. By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth
Chorus

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name
Chorus

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Church's Doxology

"The Church's Doxology" - Words - Psalm 72; Music by Holden, Public Domain

Now, blessed be Jehovah, God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel,
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel

And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be;
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY, 5/12 - LHC Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at LHC

WEDNESDAY, 5/14

- LHC Dawn Prayer via Zoom - Join us from 6:30 - 7:00 a.m. as Mark leads us in scripture and prayer time for one another and LHC. Contact Mark for the Zoom link.
- Ladies Weekly Prayer Meeting (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.) - Location TBD

SUNDAY, 5/18 - Graduation Sunday! Join us for worship at 9:30 followed by a Covered Dish Lunch honoring our high school graduates, Isaac Cherry and Jack Hayes. Scan the QR code to sign up for the Covered Dish.



READING PLAN FOR 5/11 - 5/18 : Isaiah 10 - 18; James 3 - 5; 1 Peter 1 - 5

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: ARP Ministries in Pakistan

MAY BIRTHDAYS: 5/12 - Susan Jordan; 5/17 - Sarah Koehler; 5/24 - Rick Hodges;
5/25 - Tim Daniels; 5/27 - Sofia Garcia

SAVE THE DATES

- 5/19 - Ladies Fellowship Dinner at Christ Church at River's Edge (6:30 p.m.)
- 5/23 - Men's Ministry Breakfast (6:30 a.m.) at Byrum's
- 5/25 - Korea Trip Interest Meeting after worship
- Summer Sunday School dates: 6/22, 7/27, 8/24
- Large Group dates: 6/8, 7/13, 8/3

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