

# WELCOME TO NEW HOPE!

We are so glad you found your way here today. To our members and returning visitors, welcome back! To those of you who are new, welcome! There are a couple of things you might like to know.

First, New Hope Presbyterian is a Bible-believing congregation seeking to worship and serve God in response to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, we believe gathered worship is the central event in the church's life together: it restores and shapes our whole lives in the pattern of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We also recognize that for some of you this is the first time (or the first time in a long time) in a more structured service of worship that calls for you to participate so actively. Relax! Everything you need is both printed in the Worship Guide you are holding and up on the screen. We encourage you to turn off the auto-pilot and join us in vibrantly and enthusiastically praising God, confessing, singing, and hearing the Scriptures. Worship is for all of God's people. Enjoy the service!

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We have hearing aid assist devices available in the Narthex. See a greeter.



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## **WELCOME**

PRELUDE: My God, How Wonderful Thou Art
Psalm 113, Frederick W. Faber, 1848, ST. ETHELDREDA



# CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 150:3-6

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! <sup>5</sup> Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

# INVOCATION

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (TH 38)

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** The Church's One Foundation (TH 347)

PRAYER FOR MISSION TRIP

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Living Waters

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** Living Waters

# **PASTORAL PRAYER**

# **DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN**



SERMON: "Finishing Well" 2 Kings 12 Rev. Richard L. Burguet

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (TH 342)

**BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17



# The Church's One Foundation



- 5. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 6. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
  O happy ones and holy!
  Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

# **Living Waters**

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hope is se-cure, do not fear an - y - more,

praise the Lord of liv-ing wat- ers.

The Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." Is. 28:16

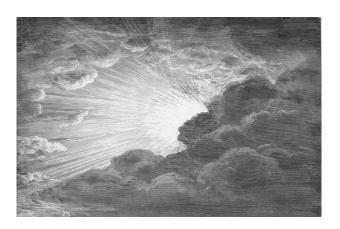


Latin, 7th cent.
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851
Alt. in *Hymns Ancient and Modern,* 1861

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7. Henry Smart, 1876

# HISTORY OF HYMNS: "IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"

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How do you express the inexpressible mystery of the Creator whose name was unutterable in Hebrew Scriptures, save the self-described "I AM"? How do you put into words what cannot be known? How do you sing about the One who is ineffable -- beyond all words? Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) attempted this in his classic hymn, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise." A Scottish Free Church minister educated at the Universities of Aberdeen and Edinburgh, Smith served congregations in London, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Perhaps his highest tribute came when he was elected moderator of the General Assembly in 1893 for the church's 50th Jubilee celebration.

This hymn is the only one of his volumes of poetry that remains in common use. Hymnologist Albert Bailey says composing poetry was for Smith "the retreat of his nature from the burden of his labors." The original version in six stanzas appeared in Smith's *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life* (1867). After a number of revisions, the four-stanza version was included in the influential *The English Hymnal* (1906), assuring its fame to the present day. The obvious scriptural foundation for stanza one is I Timothy 1:17: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." (KJV)

The central metaphor of light suggests the transcendence of the One who was known as I AM. Stanza one refers to this One as "light inaccessible hid from our eyes." In stanza two the metaphor is elaborated by describing the Holy One as "silent as light." Stanza four has two references to light: "thou dwellest in light" and "'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee." In spite of this "invisible" one whose identity is obscured by brightness, our attention is called to the actions and attributes of the I AM, giving us some indication of who this being is.

In stanza two we find that this unseen One "rulest in might." This One also is a being of "justice like mountains high soaring above" and "goodness and love" reflected in the "clouds like fountains" that sustain life on earth. It is stanza three that reveals even more of the Holy One's nature: the source of all life "to both great and small." The Holy One's unchanging nature is the antithesis of living creatures that "blossom and flourish" and then "wither and perish." Stanza four reveals that the Holy One is adored by angels --suggesting not only that the Creator is a cosmic being but that we should follow the angels' example and render our praise.

This classic expression of faith that acknowledges human finiteness in the face of the One hidden by the "splendor of light" contrasts with more evangelical hymns that express a desire for an intimate relationship with Jesus. Perhaps this indicates a need for balance between the intimate and ineffable. The Jewish tradition expresses this balance well in the prayer book, The Gates of Prayer: "O God, how can we know You? Where can we find You? You are as close to us as breathing, yet You are farther than the farthermost star."

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SERMON NOTES:	

### **SERMON REVIEW**

## "Setting Your Mind On Things Above" (Colossians 3:1-17)

Last week, Associate Pastor David Kelly prefaced Paul's writing by saying our minds should always be set on Christ, because when we put ourselves first, our problems always lead to death and eternal separation from God. Paul writes these words to remind us that God is alive and wants us to live with him. The first four verses tell us that if we are in Christ, if we really have died with him, if he really is our hope, then we are to seek the things that are ours with him. They are available to us as a free gift. When we are in Christ we will live with him eternally in glory. It's a promise and a great reward. Verses 5-11 emphasize that we have to put self, sin and the earthly things in our lives to death and put on the new self because the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). No sin can be justified. All sin must be put to death. We're to get real with our sin and be honest with Christ, knowing the new self is being renewed in the knowledge and image of the Creator. In verses 12-17, Paul tells us we must put on all heavenly things, like the armor of God, and replace the earthly most of all with love. And in the process be thankful to God the Father through Christ. When we remove self and live in Christ, we have the ability to love, forgive others, and become part of Christ's family. When we put aside self, set our minds on the things above, and trust in Christ, we banish death and become eternal members of Christ and his community of believers. It's the best thing we can have in life. It simply doesn't get any better than that.

## **PRAY THIS WEEK:**

**MISSIONS PARTNERS:** For Diego and Rose Sosa and their children in Puerto Morelos, Mexico as they share the Gospel with high school and college athletes.

**CFL PRESBYTERY:** For Spruce Creek and pastors Josh Owen and Robert Rothwell.

**NEW HOPE:** For all our young families as they prepare to return to school on Monday.

**LAKESIDE COVENANT:** From Matt Matulia: "For our Fall discipleship ministries to get off the ground and running in an effective way and for them to be fruitful for our people."

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF KHERSON, UKRAINE:** Praise and thanksgiving to God for His mercy and grace in continuing to protect Holy Trinity Church as well as all of their other sister churches and their Pastors throughout Ukraine, including those located near frontlines. May the Lord continue to sustain, give strength and grace to our brothers and sisters in these very uncertain and dangerous days as they minister with Christ's love to those around them. Please continue to pray for God to intervene in the warend negotiations. May our leaders not lean on their own understanding, but rather seek the wisdom of God.

#### YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

#### **General Fund**

(Budget)	(\$282,185)
Contributions	\$267,180

#### IMAGES

Cover: "ancient sandalwood trunk closeup." Photo by chuyu via canva.com.

Page 3: "Jewish Shofar, Priests Trumpets." Engraving. Unknown. Ca. 19th cent.

Page 4: "Narrow Band of Ornament with Flowers and Foliage." <u>Love is Enough</u>. William Morris. 1872.

Page 9: "The Creation of Light." Gustave Doré. <u>La Grande Bible de Tours</u>. 1866.

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1 Vianne Stormant, Dan Read7 Tresa Schmidt10 Ujesh Moman17 Carolyn Costello25 Nadine Wheeler, Jim Barnes

### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

5 Dave and Lynda Jacobs

8 Dan and Karen Read

9 Randy and Robin Somers

11 Ryan and Christi Stormant

19 Richard and Anne Burguet

23 Al and Lacretia Stewart

30 Kenn and Mary Hall



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