

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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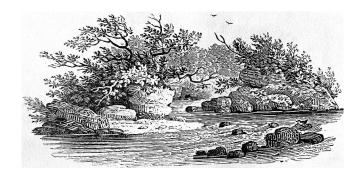


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WELCOME

PRELUDE: Deep River
African American Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh



CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 22:16-17

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (TH 345)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (TH 235)

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Sleepers, Wake! Wachet Auff from Cantata No. 140, P. Nicolai, J.S. Bach

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: Living Waters

PASTORAL PRAYER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN



SERMON: "Pumpkin Spice & the Leaves of Fall"
2 Kings 14
Rev. Richard L. Burguet

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (TH 465)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: There Is a Higher Throne
Keith Getty, arr. Lloyd Larson

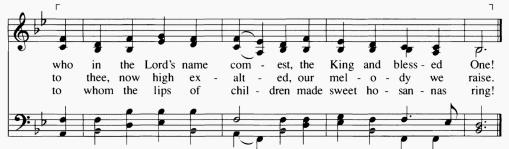
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Ps. 87:3



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Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt. ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D. Melchior reschner, ca. 1615

Living Waters

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

praise the Lord of liv-ing wat- ers.

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Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Where sin increased, grace increased all the more. Rom. 5:20



SERMON NOTES:	

SERMON REVIEW

"The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same" (2 King 13)

Last week, Senior Pastor Richard Burguet prefaced the text by noting we can change our mailing address, phone number, and our network of friends when we move to a new home, but one thing we can't change is the problems we bring with us. The text shows how the more things changed in Israel, the more they remained the same. The kings in this text squandered the opportunity to repent. At the same time, God was teaching his people about his grace, patience, and the opportunity to repent. Jehoahaz reigned in Israel for 17 years and did evil in the eyes of the Lord by following the sins of Jeroboam. Rather than obliterate the people, God was patient and oppressed them and made their lives uncomfortable with attacks from Syria. He was giving them a chance to change and fully repent from their idolatry because of his covenant promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see the Book of Judges). Jehoahaz consulted the prophet Elisha who instructed him on how to defeat Syria. He failed to follow instructions by not having the willingness and desire to seek complete victory. He was content to go only half way. We need to ask ourselves: Do we have partial or total commitment to God? Following Elisha's death, a dead man is tossed in Elisha's grave and comes to life when his body touches Elisha's bones (see Ezekiel 37 and Matthew 27: 51-52). God is showing us in this passage that he has the power over death by the power of his word. By following God, death has no dominion over us. Jehoahaz died and Jeroboam succeeded him and reigned 16 years. He, too, did evil in the eyes of the Lord and failed to fully repent. That's why we need to fully repent and not go half way to take full advantage of God's grace and patience.

PRAY THIS WEEK:

MISSIONS PARTNERS: For the staff and volunteers of Life's Choices Women's Clinic to have God's peace, wisdom, and grace while they minister to clients struggling with crisis pregnancies.

CFL PRESBYTERY: For St. John's in Orlando and Pastor Frank Cavalli.

NEW HOPE: Praise for a great time of good food, fellowship, and vision-sharing at the women's brunch yesterday! We pray that the Lord would do wonderful things with our Women's Ministry!

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: For God's protection and provision for Vova, Max and his family, and the Holy Trinity Church family, and preservation of the church building. That God would be pleased to preserve the vision that Vova still has and that the Lord would give him a growing zeal and love for his word, wisdom, and understanding beyond his abilities, training, and experience as he shepherds his people. Also for his sermon preparations - and that the Lord would speak powerfully through him. And for Max to be graciously spared from military service and able to stay with his family and help Vova in serving the church.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

General Fund

(Budget)	 (\$300,391)
Contributions .	 \$297.578

IMAGES

Cover: "Close-up of Red Leaves of Japanese Maple." Photo. Yelena. Via canva.com.

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Page 4: "European Oak (Quercus robur). Var. sessiliflora." <u>The American Cyclopaedia</u>, by George Ripley And Charles A. Dana. Engraving. 1873.

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

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30 Kenn and Mary Hall

- REFLECTION -

EVERYDAY GOSPEL: 2 KINGS 12-14

Paul David Tripp | April 24 Devotional

Our hope in life and death is found not in our faithfulness, but in the perfect faithfulness of our Savior.

It was not my finest moment, by any measure. I was impatient and irritated. We had made plans, and I was watching my plans evaporate as Luella was waylaid by a phone call from work. The call seemed to last an eternity, and the delay seemed personal, although it wasn't. I paced the floor, making sure she knew I was not happy that we weren't leaving. When she got off the phone, I was cold and distant. But by God's grace, conviction set in quickly. It was all very humbling. I confessed my impatience, and Luella graciously forgave me. As we drove away, the gospel exploded in my brain. This is why my hope is never in my obedience, my faithfulness, my wisdom, or my righteousness. This side of eternity, I will never have a perfect track record to lay before the throne of God. I am not an intentional rebel against God or a heretic. I do not mock his existence or flaunt my transgression of his law. But even though I am a child of God, I am not yet sin-free. The longer I walk with the Lord, the clearer it is to me that my hope is not in my faithfulness, but in the absolute perfection of the faithfulness of my Lord.

You could argue that one of the main themes of the Old Testament is divine covenant faithfulness cast in contrast to human unfaithfulness. The story of the people of God is one of sin, repentance, and temporary obedience, followed by apostasy once again— and the cycle repeats. You want to scream, "Is there anyone faithful in Israel?" The answer is, "Yes, the Lord of Israel, Jehovah alone." You see this unfaithfulness/faithfulness contrast in an important passage in 2 Kings 13: "Now Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. But the LORD was gracious to them and had compassion on them, and he turned toward them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, nor has he cast them from his presence until now" (2 Kings 13:22-23).

In spite of Israel's rebellion and idolatry, God keeps the Syrians at bay. He does so not because the Israelites have earned his favor through a track record of covenant faithfulness. No, the opposite is true. If their relationship to God had been based on their performance of the law, then God would have abandoned them long ago. Instead, God had compassion on Israel and turned toward them because he is faithful and will fulfill his covenant promises.

So it is with us. Our standing before God is based not on our righteousness but on the perfect righteousness of Jesus. He perfectly measured up for us in every way, because he knew that we never would. Here in 2 Kings, during the dark days of Israel's rebellion, the gospel is preached to us once again. Our hope in life and death rests on our Savior's faithfulness, not our own.

For further study and encouragement: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.



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