



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 7, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation 2 Peter 1:2
Call to Worship Psalm 68:32-35
*Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy!” no. 230 (insert)
*Invocation Psalm 124:8

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance Hebrews 3:12-14
Congregational Confession of Sin (insert)
Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 4:14-16
*Psalm “Bless the LORD, My Soul” no. 103A, vv. 1-3 (insert)

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 (insert)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (insert)
*Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies” no. 157 (insert)
*The Apostles' Creed (insert)
Collection & Prayer Matthew 6:19-21

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading Mark 1:4-8 (insert)
Prayer for Illumination Isaiah 40:8
Sermon **JOHN THE BAPTIST: THE VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Closing Prayer

*Hymn “In Christ Alone” no. 265 (insert)
*Benediction Hebrews 13:20

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

Holy, Holy, Holy!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Congregational Confession of Sins

HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD,

according to your steadfast love,
according to your abundant mercy.

Blot out our many, many sins!

We would be holy, O God,
but we are sinful from birth.

Forgive us, our Father,
and renew us in your Spirit.

Create us anew in the image of your Son,
and make us your holy people.

Have mercy on us, O God,
through Jesus Christ,
who is seated at your right hand.

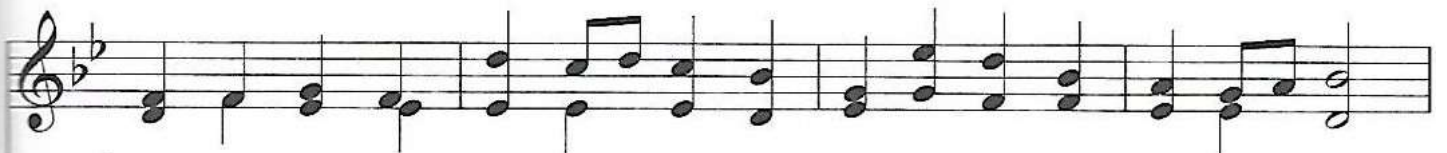
And to you be all glory,
one God forever,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bless the LORD, My Soul

103A



1. ¹Bless the LORD, my soul, and all with - in me bless his ho - ly name!
 2. ⁵He with bound - less good sup - plies you; he your long - ing sat - is - fies,
 3. ⁸God the LORD is full of mer - cy, slow to an - ger, full of grace.



- ²Bless the LORD, my soul. For - get not all his bless - ings to pro - claim.
 then, like ea - gle's strength re - new - ing, God with good your youth re - vives.
⁹He will not be al - ways chid - ing, nor in an - ger hide his face.



- ³He for - gives your great trans - gres - sions, heals your sick - ness - es and pains.
⁶For the LORD will act with jus - tice, righ - teous - ness for those bowed down.
¹⁰He deals not by our de - mer - its, nor re - pays what sins de - serve.



- ⁴He re - deems you from de - struc - tion, crowns you with his ten - der grace.
⁷He made known his ways to Mo - ses, his great deeds to Is - rael's sons.
¹¹Great his love to those who fear him, high as heav'n a - bove the earth.



Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶ 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.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

The Lord's Prayer

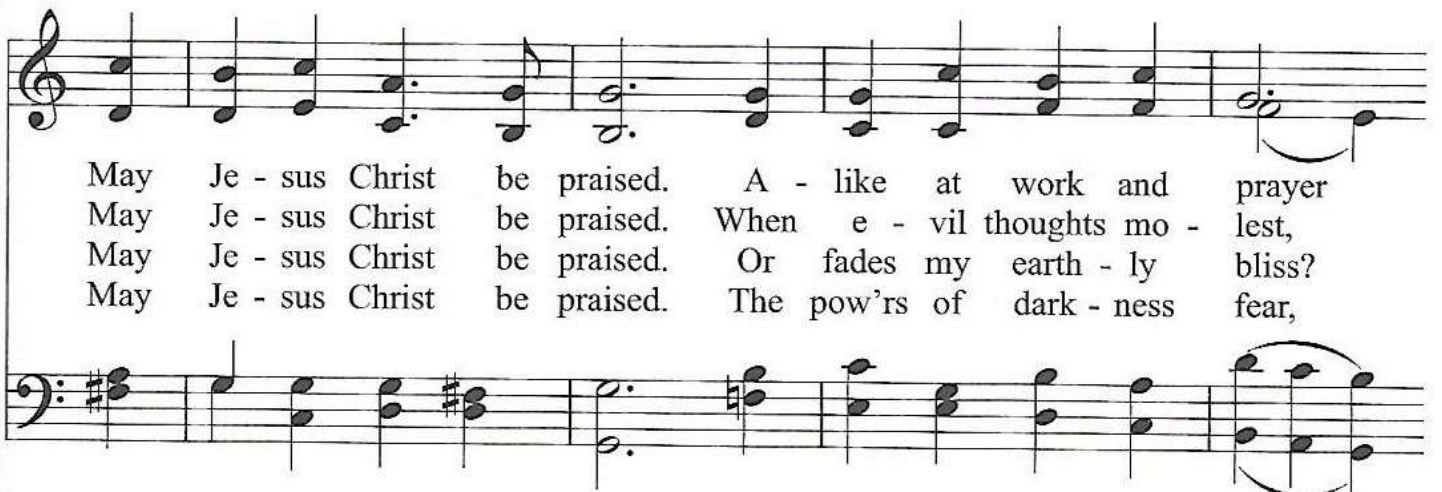
OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. **AMEN.**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. When sleep her balm de - nies, my si - lent spir - it sighs:
 3. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I find:
 4. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss the love - liest strain is this:



May Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. When e - vil thoughts mo - lest,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of dark - ness fear,



to Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 with this I shield my breast: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 when this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

5. Let earth's wide circle round
 in joyful notes resound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Let air and sea and sky,
 from depth to height, reply:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

6. Be this, while life is mine,
 my canticle divine:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Be this th'eternal song,
 through all the ages on:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

The Apostles' Creed

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

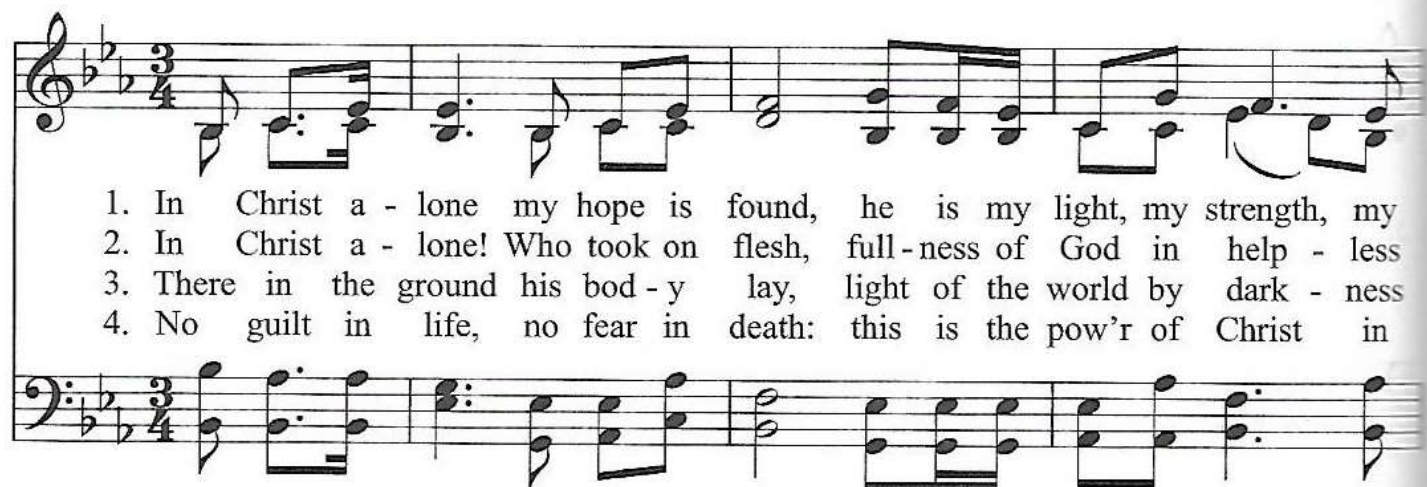
I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right 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 1:4-8

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

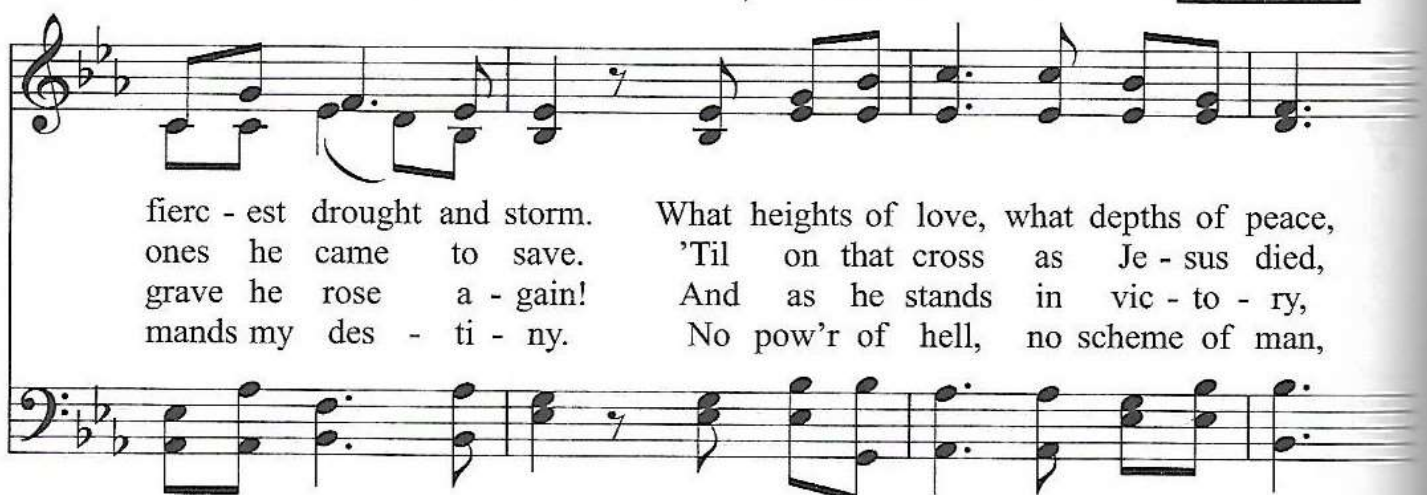
In Christ Alone



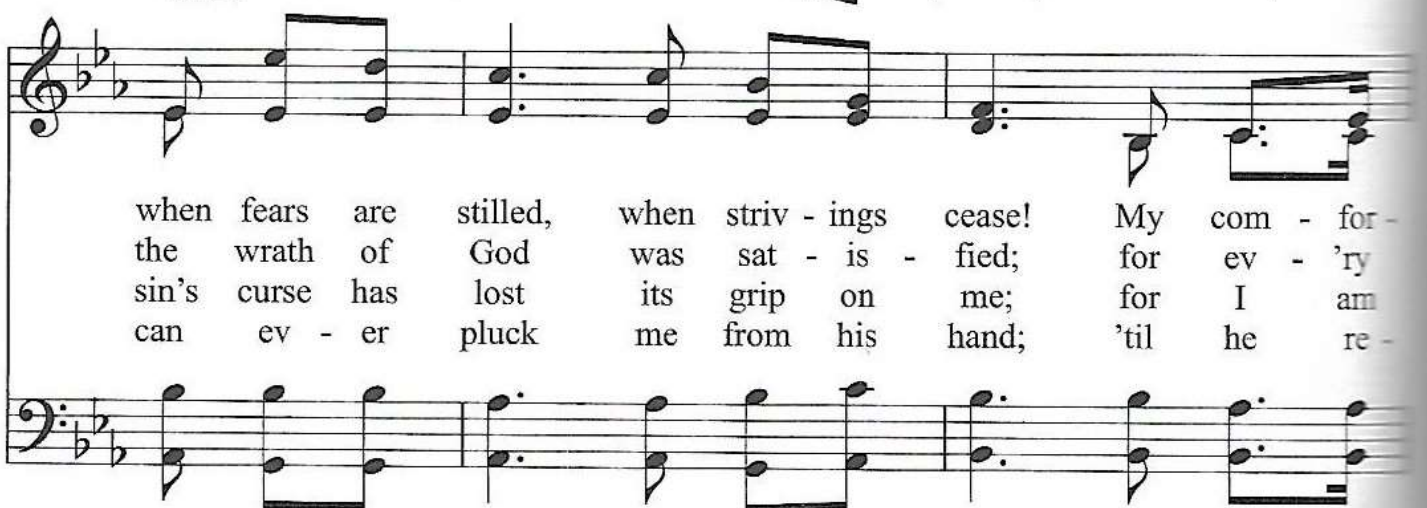
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

CHRIST, THE ONLY MEDIATOR AND REDEEMER



ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
his and he is mine— bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



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IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D.
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Arr. Ruth Coleman

	GREETERS	USHERS
Mar 7	The Johnstons	T. Johnston; R. Nace
Mar 14	The Naces	R. Lang; K. Brown
Mar 21	Barb VM	D. Forbeck; R. Lang

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).

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.

Remember in prayer our missionaries around the world: Mark and Jeni Richline in Uruguay, Ben and Melanie Westerveld in Québec, Heero and Anya Hacquebord in Ukraine, Ben and Heather Hopp and Octavius Delfils in Haiti, and our team in Uganda—just to name a few! Pray also for the missionary associates who work with them.

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.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

--Psalm 103:2



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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Sunday Service of Worship

9:00 am

11:00 am