



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 1, 2026



*Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY (FEB 15)

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: This Sunday at **9:30AM** we will study New Testament letters to the churches.
- **DEACON OFFERING**: Please remember to support Hope's diaconal ministries with your monthly offering this Sunday.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to eat and fellowship with us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall. *Our lunch theme is Italian food; see the signup sheet on the dessert table*
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary for a *hymn sing and prayer time*.

NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (Mar 3) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**: Next **Saturday** (Mar 7) at **8:00AM**. We'll continue in Machen's "Christianity and Liberalism" in the second half of the chapter on Doctrine.

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

from [*Psalm 111:1-4*](#)

SONGS OF PRAISE

[*"Gloria Patri"*](#)

#734

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

[*"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*](#) (Ps 46)

#92

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

...

**Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right Man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.**

**Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.**

**The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.**

**That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.**

**Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.**

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[1 John 2:1-6](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Our Father and our God, you gave us your Word and your holy laws, commandments, and statutes. You have shown us the way to holiness, and by what standards we ought to show our love for you and for our neighbor. Though we forget your law and in so doing sin against you in thought, word, and deed, O Lord do not forget us, we who are your children through faith in Jesus Christ. In your mercy and grace, forgive us and restore us to yourself. Put Jesus Christ the righteous one, our Savior, before our eyes that we may learn to walk in the same way in which He walked.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[Romans 6:23](#)

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

["What Wondrous Love Is This"](#)

#261

**What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

...

**To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!**

American folk hymn. *The Southern Harmony* (1835).
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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.**

**From there he will 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

[Leviticus 16:1-17](#)

¹The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died, ²and the Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. ³But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. ⁴He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on. ⁵And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

⁶Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁸And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel. ⁹And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use

it as a sin offering, ¹⁰but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.

¹¹Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself.

¹²And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil

¹³and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die.

¹⁴And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

¹⁵Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. ¹⁶Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. ¹⁷No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel.”

**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

PRAYER

[Maldives \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): Around 1,200 coral islands off the shores of Sri Lanka and India form the breathtaking Republic of Maldives, which has enjoyed independence for most of its history. Briefly under Portuguese control and later a protectorate of Britain, Maldives regained full sovereignty in 1965. The sultanate was replaced by a president in 1968, and a republic was declared. A multi-party democracy was established in 2008, bringing limited freedoms.

Vibrant shades of ocean blue, pure white beaches, and glorious sunsets draw many to this tropical wonderland. The average size of each island is merely one square kilometer, with only 202 actually inhabited. But this apparent paradise is reserved only for tourists; beneath an idyllic surface, the realities are dire. Maldives suffers from one of the highest divorce rates in the world, in addition to rising crime rates, increasing gang activity, widespread child abuse, and pervasive drug use among teens. The islands themselves stand in a vulnerable state, as the coral that supports them is being destroyed by coral mining and increasing ocean temperatures. The potential for rising sea levels also threatens to wipe these islands off the map.

While some freedoms have expanded through democracy, there remains no freedom of religion. Islam is the official and only religion; all others are illegal. Only the Gospel of Luke and Acts are currently available in Dhivehi, but even those are not permitted to enter the nation. No mission work or Christian literature has ever been legally allowed within the islands. Widespread traditional beliefs in spirits combined with Islam leave many Maldivians trapped in fear. With little to no access to the Gospel within these isolated islands, a true miracle is needed to bring hope and salvation to the people.

- Pray for for transformative interactions with believing tourists and migrant workers.
- Pray for creative ways for Jesus-followers to grow, fellowship, and witness in a highly restrictive context.
- Pray for God's steadfast love to transform Maldivian marriages.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

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.

SERMON TEXT

[Hebrews 2:17-18](#)

¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

SERMON

“Sinners in the Hands of a Satisfied God”

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.**

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.**

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.**

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE **HOLD** ELEMENTS UNTIL **ALL** ARE SERVED.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.

GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

THE **SECOND** OFFERING IS FOR HOPE'S **DEACON FUND**.

"The Church's One Foundation"

#347 (verses 4–6)

**The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish
is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her,
and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor
she ever shall prevail.**

**'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.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
with the 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.**

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“Doxology”

#733

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
*alleluia, alleluia!***

**Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20–21

“May the Peace of God”

Songbook

**May the peace of God our Heav’nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.**

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