



# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

June 21, 2026



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

Romans 15:7

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THIS SUNDAY

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: On Summer break until September.
- **PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE**: Photos can be taken this Sunday after the morning worship service downstairs by the fireplace area. A 2nd Sunday will follow in a week or two. *Please be sure to get your picture taken if we don't already have one.* If you have a photo you'd like us to use, please email it to Rina Kroes: [office@hopepreschurch.org](mailto:office@hopepreschurch.org).
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: We *will* continue our fellowship lunches during kitchen remodeling. Everyone is invited to join us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 15 at the end of this bulletin (or the church calendar on our app or website).

## NEXT WEEK

- **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**: Pastor Martin and elder Jim Sherwin will be at General Assembly this week.
- **BIBLE STUDY**: In lieu of our regular Bible study this **Tuesday**, we strongly suggest tuning into the *opening worship service* of GA at **4:30pm** **HERE**. Pastor and outgoing moderator *Kevin DeYoung* will be preaching.

## COMING UP

- **INQUIRER'S CLASS**: For those interested in learning more about Hope or joining as members. Saturday, **July 11** at **9:00AM**. Hope will provide lunch.

# MORNING WORSHIP



## SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

### GREETING

**PEOPLE: Amen!**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 18:3, 30-31*

### 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.**

*"Speak, O Lord"*

*Songbook*

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,  
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in Your likeness;  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all Your purposes for Your glory.  
Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of Your purity.**

**Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail —  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us —  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
that will echo down through eternity.**

**And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,  
and the earth is filled with Your glory.**

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**SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE**      *Matthew 5:44-48*

**CONFESSING OUR SIN**

**Gracious and glorious God of love, mercy, justice, and holiness, we know it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. In our sinful flesh we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our hearts and minds continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your Son, our Savior Jesus, that our lives might glorify you.**

**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.**

**The law of the Lord is perfect,  
converting the soul.**

**The testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple.**

***More to be desired are they than gold,  
yea, than much fine gold.***

***Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.***

**The statutes of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart.**

**The commandments of the Lord are pure,  
Enlight'ning the eyes.**

***More to be desired are they than gold,  
yea, than much fine gold.***

***Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.***

**The fear of the Lord is clean,  
enduring forever.**

**The judgments of the Lord are true,  
and righteous altogether.**

***More to be desired are they than gold,  
yea, than much fine gold.***

***Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.***

Words from Psalm 19:7-11.

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## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Deuteronomy 28:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>“And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. <sup>2</sup>And all these blessings shall come

upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup>Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. <sup>4</sup>Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. <sup>5</sup>Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. <sup>6</sup>Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>9</sup>The LORD will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. <sup>10</sup>And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>12</sup>The LORD will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them, <sup>14</sup>and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I command you today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.”

**O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,  
and all within me bless his holy name;**

**bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies,  
his pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.**

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,  
bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

**Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,  
most slow to anger, plenteous in love;**

**rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him,  
boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.**

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,  
bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

**His love is like a father's to his children,  
tender and kind to all who fear his name;  
for well he knows our weakness and our frailty,  
he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.**

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,  
bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

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## PRAYER

*Nauru (prayercast.com)*: Thousands of miles from any other land, the tiny island of Nauru sits isolated in the Pacific. Home to just over 10,000 people, this small island of only 21 square miles is the world's smallest republic. When first discovered, it was named "pleasant island" in reference to its lush vegetation and friendly culture. But Nauru is a land of drastic contrasts. Although its location is exotic, its people are quite westernized. The island has seen both independence and brutal occupation, immense wealth and dire economic meltdown.

Early in the 20th century, phosphate mining became central to this small nation's economy. With four-fifths of the island being mined out, though, development came at great cost. As phosphate resources decreased, off-shore banking became a source of immense and immediate wealth. With this increasing wealth came decreasing health. Today over 50% of the population suffers from diabetes, and 90% are overweight and unemployed. With phosphate resources dwindling, the mining industry is no longer a source of substantial income. Off-shore banking was ended to sever ties with money-laundering and criminal activity. These factors, along with immense debt, plunged Nauru into economic ruin. With few jobs, little to no income, and heavy dependence on imports for all its major needs, this nation is in grave economic danger.

Having received the Gospel in the early 1900s, Nauruans are still quite religious (91.5% Christian), with most attending church on a regular basis. Their nation's motto, "God's will first," signifies their deeply religious roots. But, for many, their faith is works-based, with little understanding of the Gospel. As the economy has crashed, many are seeking answers, and churches are growing. With the JESUS film seen by the entire island and the Bible translated into Nauruan in the 1930's, the people of Nauru have received the opportunity to hear of salvation found in Jesus and his work on the cross.

- Pray for God's provision for the 90% who are unemployed in this predominantly Christian nation.
- Pray for the despair of people's economic condition to turn their softened hearts to Christ.
- Pray for great spiritual growth in the midst of increased poverty.

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.**

<sup>11</sup> Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron?

<sup>12</sup> For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. <sup>13</sup> For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. <sup>14</sup> For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

<sup>15</sup> This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, <sup>16</sup> who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.

<sup>17</sup> For it is witnessed of him,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>18</sup> For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness <sup>19</sup> (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

<sup>20</sup> And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, <sup>21</sup> but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

“The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
‘You are a priest forever.’”

<sup>22</sup> This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,

<sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

SERMON

*“The Uttermost Perfection”*

# GRATEFUL PRAISE

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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**Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
and triumph evermore.**

*Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

**Jesus the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.**

*Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

**His kingdom cannot fail,  
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus giv'n.**

*Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

**He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet.**

*Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

**Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.**

***Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

**WHITE GRAPE JUICE** IS IN THE TRAYS.

**GLUTEN-FREE BREAD** IS IN THE BOWL IN THE CENTER OF THE TRAYS..

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

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

## GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

*"O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"*

#6 (verses 4-5)

**We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty,  
like tender grass that soon will disappear;  
but evermore the love of God is changeless,  
still shown to those who look to him in fear.**

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,  
bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

**High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,  
his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;  
bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion,  
bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.**

***Bless him forever, wondrous in might,  
bless him, his servants that in his will delight.***

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**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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# EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalm 42*

(TH page 800)

HYMN

*“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”*

*TH #421*

OT SCRIPTURE READING

*Numbers 32*

NT SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Corinthians 16*

PRAYERS

SERMON

*Matthew 15:9*

*“The Vain Commandments of Men”*


*(see WCF 29.4, TH page 865)*

SONGS BY REQUEST


CLOSING PRAYER




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