

**6:30 – 6:40am: Praise Song**

*-During this time, we will learn a new praise song that invites us to open our hearts before God*

Living Hope – Phil Wickham

<https://youtu.be/u-1fwZtKJSM?si=FtGyXDpBFSUX0vSE>

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How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The king of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
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You have broken every chain  
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Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

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Oh God, You are my living hope

**6:40 – 6:50am: Scripture Reading & Devotional**

Today's reading comes from [John 14:1-14](#).

With this morning's passage, we continue to read Jesus' last words to his disciples.  
Yesterday's reading began with Jesus' new command to love as Jesus loved.  
Today, Jesus offers comfort with the words, "Believe in me."

Interestingly, these disciples that have been following him and seen every miracle and heard all of his teachings are still asking the same questions – “How can we know where you are going? How can we see God the Father?” Jesus answers as he always has – I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Whoever knows me knows the Father.

Perhaps it is not extraordinary that the same question is asked over and over again. How often do we struggle with the same doubts and unbelief?

How often do we hear the same things about God and yet still question if it is possible, true, or reality?

When we find ourselves in that cycle of questioning, in a place of unbelief, let's try something different. Let's try, as Jesus said, to come to Him.

If we find something impossible, Jesus is the way.

If we find something unbelievable, Jesus is the truth.

If we find something broken, Jesus is the life.

Knowing Jesus provides the way forward. Being with the Jesus, hearing Jesus, learning from Jesus, receiving love from Jesus clears away the stormy doubts of life.

Do we believe? And will we come to Jesus?

And here is one of my favorite verses in the whole Bible – Very truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do works that I do and in fact, will do greater works than these. Can you imagine, doing greater miracles than Jesus? Impossible – but Jesus is the way.

Jesus himself has promised that whatever we ask in His name, He will do.

Which means this – we can be ones who bring about healing in others. We can be the ones who can restore health to little ones. We can be the ones who feeds thousands. We can be the ones who lift up the paralyzed. We can be the ones who bring sight to the blind. We can be the ones who bring life out of death.

Not because of our own strength, but because of the name of Jesus, in whom we believe.

The power comes from Jesus, and we have access to it when we believe in him.

This is why we come to pray. Why we come to surrender to the cross. We let go of our old ways so that we can make room for the Holy Spirit who will fill us with power – the ability to greater miracles than Jesus. We pray because Jesus creates the way. We pray because Jesus makes it true. We pray because Jesus makes it real.

## **6:50 – 7:10am: Prayer**

First, pray for peace across the world. Pray for protection and safety of those involved in the conflict – those who fight for peace, and those who are victims of violence and destructions. For the families of the lives lost. Restoration of communities who now need to rebuild.

Secondly, pray for our country. For revival in this land that all might come to worship God, and in so doing, return to the values of righteousness and justice.

Thirdly, pray for our church family. For those on the prayer chain in need of healing, comfort, strength, and restoration.

Lastly, pray that we might see miracles. That we might be used by God to bring about miracles. That we believe in the one who creates a way, the one who establishes truth, the one who calls the dead back to life.

## **7:10 – to whenever: Personal prayer time**

*-During this time, there will be gentle instrumental music that will play in the background and all are invited to stay as long as they wish in prayerful posture, lifting up everything into God's hands.*