



GREATER HOPE CHURCH



THE **SERMON** ON THE

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A SERIES ON MATTHEW 5-7



The Lord's Day

April 21, 2024

"Inside Out"

Welcome

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Get Connected



Kids' Ministry: We offer nursery at the 9a service and kids' classes at the 9a & 11a (PK-2nd grade) and 5p services (3 year-olds-5th grade). The nursery (located on the hallway north of the sanctuary) is self-serve during the 11a service.

The Lord's Supper: We'll be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at both morning services TODAY. To prepare, consider Jesus' invitation in Psalm 42:1-2.

Men's Ministry Fellowship Talks: Join us April 27 at 9a for a time of fellowship and breakfast while discussing our Life with God. Sign up on our website.

Vacation Bible School: Mark your calendars for VBS! The fun takes place July 8-12. *Volunteers Needed!* See Tina DeBoer by April 30 if you would like to help. Child registration will start in May.

Women's Ministry: Ladies of all ages are invited to attend the Ladies' Garden Party on May 4th at 10:30a at the home of Annie Mears. Please visit our website or see Jan Frost or Annie Mears for more information.

Prayer Guide

Prayer for Those Taking Communion

Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life. You promise that if we eat of you by faith we will never be hungry again. Thank you for your death and sufferings on my behalf—your body broken to make me whole and your blood poured out to wash me from the stain of my sin. Help me to have right sorrow for my sin, to earnestly hunger and thirst for you, and to feed on you by faith. I'm trusting in your merits, rejoicing in your love, giving thanks for your grace. I want to renew my covenant with God, and grow in my love to all the saints. *Amen.*

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. Knowing you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might not be hindered by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. *Amen.*

The notes in the margin are a way to help you understand and follow along with each aspect of today's service. If you have any questions, Pastor Stan would love to talk with you after the service.

If you're praying one of these prayers for the first time today, please share it with someone!

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Mark 10:1-12

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

Quarter 2 Series: Living In Christ

GROW
GROUPS

Order of Worship

‡ = please stand if
able

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

We Prepare to Worship God

Worship—like life—is all about God. But our actual priorities can be quite different. Spend some time turning your heart to Him before we begin (1 Samuel 16:5).

God Calls Us to Worship

Worship begins with a Scriptural call for God's people to worship Him (Exodus 20:1-11).

We Sing Psalms

The "word of Christ dwells in us richly" as we sing psalms with thankfulness in our hearts (Colossians 3:16)

Reflection

"Only a new man can live this new life."
—Martin Lloyd-Jones

‡ Preparation

O Worship the King
Trinity Hymnal N° 2

Welcome and Announcements

‡ Call to Worship | **Exodus 15:1-2**

Minister: Sing to to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously.
All: The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him.

‡ Psalm of Praise

Psalm 130
Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry

Lord, from the depths to you I cry!
O Lord, to me give ear
And give attention to my voice;
My cry for mercy hear.

If you, O Lord, should mark our sins,
Then who, O Lord, could stand?
But pardon can be found with you
That you may fear command.

I wait, my soul awaits the Lord;
My hope is in his word.
Yes, more than watchmen wait for dawn,
My soul awaits the Lord.

O Israel, hope in God the Lord,
For mercy is with him;
With great redemption he will save
His Israel from all sin.

✠ Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sins

All: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Good News | *John 1:12*

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 1:1-18

(ESV Bible, p. 136)

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

We Confess Our Sins

In God's holy presence, we stand in awe and feel our need for His saving grace (Psalm 51:17).

God Cleanses Us

God assures believers of His forgiveness through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:9)

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

God Speaks to Us

We read from the Old and New Testaments because all Scripture is given by God to show us Jesus (1 Timothy 4:13).

We Praise His Name

In response to God's grace, we offer the "sacrifice of praise" to Him, the "fruit of our lips" that honor His name (Hebrews 13:15).

+ Song of Praise

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me

‡ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

+ 9a & 11a — Kids (PK-2nd grade) are dismissed for class +

Scripture Reading and Sermon

Matthew 5:7-9
(ESV Bible, p. 759)

During the sermon, this passage will be explained and applied to our lives. We're called to listen diligently and prayerfully, examining what we hear by the Scriptures, and receiving the truth with faith, love, and humility (Romans 10:14-17).

SERMON NOTES

INSIDE OUT

Matthew 5:7-9

Do you have a family picture wall at home?

The Priority of Character

Why is character emphasized before actions?

The Content of Character

What kind of character does Jesus commend?

The Benefit of Character

How is character related to blessedness?

Worship through Giving



All offerings marked "Mercy" will go towards the Deacon's Mercy Fund. We also invite members and regular attenders to give tithes and offerings at this time. Scan QR Code to give online.

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

‡ Prayer of Intercession with Lord's Prayer

All: 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, for ever. *Amen.*

‡ Confession of Faith

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of

ENJOYING GOD'S FELLOWSHIP

We Give Our Offerings

The offering is a time for prayerful reflection. We give to support the work of the church and those in need (Ecclesiastes 5:1-2; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

We Pray for Those in Need

Since all believers are adopted into God's family, we believe God will hear us when we ask for our needs and the needs of others. We pray the Lord's Prayer together because Jesus gave it to us to teach us how to pray (Matt 6:9-13).

We Confess Our Faith

Scripture places a priority on right belief. It urges us to "hold fast the form of sound words" (2 Timothy 1:13). Today we confess the Apostles' Creed, an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches.

The Apostles' Creed

We Receive the Sacraments

Jesus appointed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be a sign of His death and a means of communion with Him (Matthew 26:26-29). By faith we partake of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

We Rejoice in God

Belief in the gospel brings joy to our lives. Therefore, singing a joyful song is a fitting conclusion to our time of communion with God (1 Thessalonians 5:16).

God Sends Us

Since God's hand of judgment was raised over Christ on the cross, God raises His hand of blessing over us (Luke 24:50-53).

sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Catholic means universal*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

‡ **Song of Response** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Trinity Hymnal N° 605

‡ **Benediction** | **Numbers 6:22-27**

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace. Amen.

We're Glad You're Here!

Name:

Spouse - if any:

Children - if any:

How Did You Hear About Us?

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Preferred Choice of Contact?

I Would Like More Info About:

Women's Ministry

Men's Ministry

Kids' Ministry

Student Ministry

Glory Groups

Community Groups

Membership

Baptism

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