

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACADEMY (5/17-8/9)

Our next Academy Class "The Book Of The Twelve" begins next Sunday from 8:40-9:40 AM. This series will provide a brief overview of each book of the minor prophets, Hosea through Malachi. Childcare is provided.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS (5/17-8/9)

For those interested in membership at CCWC, our three-part membership class takes place Sunday mornings from 8:40-9:40. Childcare is provided. For questions, email Jake (jake@christchurchwc.org).

YOUTH MINISTRY (Wednesday)

Serving students 6th-12th grade, CCWC's youth ministry gathers from 6-7 PM to fellowship, sing, and learn from God's Word. For questions, email Derrick (derrick@christchurchwc.org).

VERSE BY VERSE (Wednesday)

Join us Wednesday night at 6 PM as we study God's Word together. Doors open 5 PM to allow people to eat and fellowship with one another before the bible study. Childcare is provided.

SUNDAY NIGHT THEOLOGY (5/31)

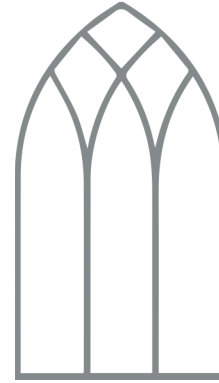
Our next Sunday Night Theology lecture is Sunday, May 31, at 5 PM. We have the privilege of welcoming Dr. Gregory K. Beale who will be giving a lecture titled: "*The Temple And The Church's Mission: A Biblical Theology Of The Dwelling Place Of God.*" Childcare is provided.

CHURCH PICNIC (6/7)

We will be gathering for a church picnic on June 7th at East Bradford Park following the 10 AM service. Bring your own lunch.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (7/13-7/16)

VBS will be held at CCWC July 13-16 from 6-8 PM. This event is for children age 4 through completed 4th grade. Scan the QR code to register. To volunteer, email christchurchkids@christchurchwc.org.



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PREPARATION SONG
Nearer, My God, To Thee

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 96:1-6

PRAYER OF ADORATION
Hark! I Hear The Harps Eternal
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE
Jeremiah 9:5-6 & Psalm 103:8-12

How Sweet And Aweful Is The Place

SCRIPTURE READING
Galatians 3:15-4:7

Once For All

CONFESSIONAL READING
New Hampshire Confession Of Faith, Article 6

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING
Deuteronomy 4:1-14

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Doxology

Speak, O Lord

SERMON
Exodus 20:1-21

Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God

BENEDICTION
Romans 10:4

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For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

ROMANS 10:4 (ESV)

HOLY SPIRIT

VERSE 1

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

VERSE 2

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

VERSE 3

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

VERSE 1

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

VERSE 2

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

VERSE 3

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
All that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

VERSE 4

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

VERSE 5

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I'll fly,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

VERSE 6

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest
Age after age to be, nearer, my God, to Thee;
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to
day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works
among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be
praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of
the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in
his sanctuary.

PSALM 96:1-6 (ESV)

SERMON NOTES

THE TEN WORDS

EXODUS 20:1-21 | DR. RAYMOND JOHNSON

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HARK! I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL

VERSE 1

Hark, I hear the harps eternal
Ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters
With their deep and solemn roar

REFRAIN

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Glory to the great I AM!

VERSE 2

And my soul, though stained with sorrow,
Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters,
To the city far away.

VERSE 3

Some have crossed before me, saintly,
To that land of perfect rest;
Can you hear them singing faintly
In the mansions of the blest?

VERSE 4

Mighty Jesus, bear us over
There to kneel before thy throne
Make me join thy saints forever
Praising Thee and Thee alone

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JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

VERSE 1

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

VERSE 2

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou are not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

VERSE 3

Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

VERSE 4

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster, scorn, and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

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SPEAK, O LORD

VERSE 1

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

VERSE 2

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

VERSE 3

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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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

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VERSE 5

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o're sin and fear and care,
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think what Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

VERSE 6

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Everyone deceives his neighbor, and no one speaks the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves committing iniquity. Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit, they refuse to know me, declares the Lord.

JEREMIAH 9:5-6 (ESV)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:8-12 (ESV)

SCRIPTURE READING

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal-peor, for the Lord your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. But you who held fast to the Lord your God are all alive today. See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children— how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’ And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. Then the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess.

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-14 (ESV)

CONFSSIONAL READING

We believe the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel. It is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a heart-felt, penitent, and obedient faith. Preventing this salvation is every sinner's inherent depravity and rejection of the gospel, a rejection that aggravates a sinner's condemnation.

(Isa. 55:1, Rev. 22:17, Rom. 16:25-26, Mark 1:15, Rom. 1:15-17, John 5:40, Matt.23:37, Rom. 9:32, Pro. 1:24, Acts 13:46, John 3:19, Matt. 11:20, Luke 10:27, II Thess. 1:8)

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH

ARTICLE 6: THE FREENESS OF THE GOSPEL
(Adapted,1833)

HOW SWEET AND AWFUL IS THE PLACE

VERSE 1

How sweet and awful is the place with Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores

VERSE 2

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast
Each of us cry with thankful tongues "Lord, why was I a guest?"

VERSE 3

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice and enter while there's room
When thousands make a wretched choice and rather starve than come?"

VERSE 4

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in
Else we had still refused to taste and perished in our sin

VERSE 5

Pity the nations, O our God constrain the earth to come
Send Thy victorious Word abroad and bring the strangers home

VERSE 6

We long to see Thy churches full that all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul sing Thy redeeming grace

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SCRIPTURE READING

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

GALATIANS 3:15-4:7 (ESV)

ONCE FOR ALL

VERSE 1

Free from the law—oh happy condition!
Jesus hath bled, and there is remission
Cursed by the law and bruised by the fall
Grace has redeemed us once for all

CHORUS

Once for all; oh sinner, receive it
Once for all; oh brother, believe!
Cling to the cross; your burden will fall
Christ has redeemed us once for all

VERSE 2

Now we are free; there's no condemnation
Jesus provides a perfect salvation
"Come unto Me." Oh, hear His sweet call!
Come and He saves us once for all

VERSE 3

There on the cross your burden upbearing
Thorns on His brow your Savior is wearing
Never again your sin need appall
You have been pardoned once for all

VERSE 4

"Children of God!"—Oh, glorious calling!
Surely His grace will keep us from falling
Passing from death to life at His call
Blessed salvation once for all

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