

Sermon Title: The Lord Jesus's Prescription for Troubled Hearts

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship. Jason Chruma is leading worship and Greg Scharf is preaching.

We welcome children of all ages in our worship service!

GATHERING SONG | Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP | from Psalm 145

Leader: I will exalt You, my God, the King,
All: And praise Your Name for ever and ever.
Leader: Every day I will praise You
All: And extol Your name for ever and ever.
Leader: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise!
All: His greatness is unfathomable.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION | Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

OLD TESTAMENT READING | Deuteronomy 8:1-6 (ESV)

¹ "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that He might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³ And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in His ways and by fearing Him."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CALL TO CONFESSION | Heidelberg Catechism Questions 88-90

All: **Genuine repentance involves two things: the dying-away of the old self and the coming-to-life of the new.**

Men: The dying-away of the old self is to be genuinely sorry for sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it.

Women: *The coming-to-life of the new self is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Holy and merciful God, we confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Leader: We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.

All: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, O God. (*Silent Confession...*)

CONFESSION SONG | Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL | from Deuteronomy 31:8-9

Leader: Do you renounce the sinful desires that would separate you from God and from His people?

All: We do.

Leader: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world that corrupt and destroy His good creation?

All: We do.

Leader: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

All: We do.

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what can wash away our sins?

All: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Leader: We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

All: We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.
(the people rise in body or in spirit)

Leader: It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you.

All: Do not fear or be dismayed.

Leader: Know the good news of the gospel.

All: We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet'
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

*Come, Thou fount, come, Thou King.
Come, Thou heav'n born Prince of Peace.
We, Your Bride, to You we sing,
Come, Thou fount of our blessing.*

O to grace, how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Take our gifts, Lord, as we protest
All that's evil, lost and marred.
Multiply all that we bring You,
Work, O Lord, and be not far.
Bring Your beauty, bounty, blessing,
With Your church we say, "Lord, come."
Use our gifts to build Your kingdom.
May Your will on earth be done.

FAMILY TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, we pray to You for peace,

All: **And for the well-being of all people.** (*Prayers*)

Leader: We pray for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the oppressed, and those in prison.

All: **We pray for justice and peace.** (*Prayers*)

Leader: We pray for all who seek You, Lord,

All: **We pray for deeper knowledge of You.** (*Prayers*)

All: **In You, Lord, is our hope, and we shall never hope in vain.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING | John 14 (ESV)

¹ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him."

⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will He do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him

and manifest Myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. And the word that you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard Me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on Me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON | The Lord Jesus's Prescription for Troubled Hearts

AMEN

A-A- A men! A- A- A men! A- A men! A-men. Amen!

SONG OF RESPONSE | How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I cause you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All: Dear Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the holy sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart. As You unite yourself to me, together with all Your faithful people, I embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

SENDING SONG | Our God, Our Help In Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting You are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

COMMISSIONING

Leader: All our problems

All: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Leader: All our difficulties

All: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Leader: All the devil's works

All: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Leader: All our hopes

All: **We set on the risen Christ!**

SCRIPTURAL BLESSING | Philippians 1:9-11

All: May our love abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to
the glory and praise of God.

SENDING

Reader: Brothers and sisters, let us claim the freedom Christ gives us by His self-
giving on the cross.

All: **Serving together in faith, hope, and love.**

