



Seeking to bring the  
**life-giving Hope of Jesus Christ**  
to our community in Hot Springs, AR

**Celebration of Worship**  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**Gathering Song**  
**This Is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears all nature sings,  
and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,  
of skies and seas —His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass;  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
and earth and heaven be one.

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## **Call to Worship**

**Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

**Holy and awesome is his name!**

**-From Psalm 111**

## **The Prayer of Invocation**

### **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou Fount of every 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 Thy unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering 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.

## **Corporate Confession of Sin**

Holy God, Father most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath! Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled. Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love. Our sins trouble us, O God. We are troubled by how they have hurt others. We are troubled by how they have hurt us. Your ways are right! O righteous God! And whenever we have refused to follow them we have found out how right they are. Have mercy on us, O God. Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, who died to free us from our sins.  
To you be honor and glory! Amen.

## **Private Confession of Sin**

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tim. 1:15)  
Let everyone, with St. Paul, truly acknowledge this in his heart and believe in Christ. Thus, in His name, I proclaim unto you the forgiveness of all your sins, and declare you to be loosed of them on earth, that you be loosed of them also in heaven, in eternity. Amen."

*From Martin Bucer's Strasbourg Liturgy (1539)*

### **The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord #465**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

**Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.**

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold;  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today.

*Scripture Reading*

*John 5*

**The Sermon from God’s Word**

**Reverend Scott Davis**

***Sermon Notes***


**Tithes and Offerings**

Our offering is an act of worship where we respond to the goodness and mercy of God with our gratitude and reliance on Him for all things. If you are our guest today, please feel under no obligation to give.

**Hymn of Response**  
**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand!  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O, may I then in Him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*We invite all baptized Christians who profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation and are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel to join us in taking the Lord's Supper.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Most righteous God, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.  
In the joy of his resurrection and in the expectation of his coming again,  
we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.  
Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## **Words of Institution**

## **1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV**

The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."  
For as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## ***Doxology #731***

*(Tune: "Old Hundredth" from the Genevan Psalter)*

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.

## **Benediction**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

## **A Note to Visitors**

If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,  
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,  
if you are struggling and you desire victory,  
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a savior,  
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.  
To the stranger in need of fellowship,  
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
and to whoever will come,  
Hope Church Hot Springs opens wide its doors  
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## **Children at Hope Church**

**To parents of young children may we suggest:**

*God gave children the vibrant energy that sometimes causes them to wiggle and make noise. They belong right here with God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. Stick with it!*

*Feel free to sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.*

*Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor and elders.*

*Sing the songs and participate in the prayers and the responses. Children learn how to worship by watching you.*

*If you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so. But, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."*

**To the members of our church:**

*Children are a gift, not a distraction. The sound of children in the church is the sound of Jesus keeping his promises; it is the sound of his church that lives on and never dies. Please welcome children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

