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## April

2	Good Friday Worship Service Communion -	6:30 p.m.
4	Easter Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study - James	10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
5	Haiti Boxing Up Day	9:00 a.m.
6	Bible Study - Mark	7:00 p.m.
7	JAM Club/Youth Group Bible Study - Acts	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
11	Sunday Worship Service After Church Bible Study - James	10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
12	Elders Meet Council Meets	6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.
13	Bible Study - Mark	7:00 p.m.
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21	JAM Club/Youth Group Bible Study - Acts	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
25	Sunday Worship Service After Church Bible Study - James	10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
27	Bible Study - Mark	7:00 p.m.
28	JAM Club/Youth Group Bible Study - Acts	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

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## Worship Service

April 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

### WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

### MOMENT IN THE WORD: Isa. 60:1-5

### SINGING TOGETHER:

"Mercy"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

"I See the Lord"

### RESPONSIVE READING: Isa. 40:1-11

### PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: LORD'S DAY 35

### DOXOLOGY (Dismissal of Children's Church)

### SPECIAL MUSIC: "I've Heard the King"

### SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:76-80

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### MESSAGE: "Re-humanizing A De-humanized Humanity"

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### RESPONSE SONG: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

### BENEDICTION

### CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Anastasia (O Praise the Name)"

Rev. Kirby Williams  
Praise Leaders – Byron & Stacy Cox

## Special Offering Schedule

### January

- 3 — Wings of Hope
- 10 — Major Building Repairs
- 17 — Benevolence (Communion)
- 24 — Hope Women's Center  
(Sanctity of Life Sunday)
- 31 — Haiti Missions

### February

- 7 — Ministry Shares
- 14 — Benevolence (Communion)
- 21 — NHCS Parent Outreach Fund
- 28 — Apostling Fund

### March

- 7 — Major Building Fund
- 14 — Benevolence (Communion)
- 21 — Faith Promise Missionaries
- 28 — NHCS Parent Outreach Fund (Palm Sunday)

### April

- 2 — Benevolence (Good Friday)
- 4 — World Renew (Easter)
- 11 — NHCS Parent Outreach Fund
- 18 — Major Building Repairs
- 25 — Apostling Fund

### May

- 2 — Ministry Shares
- 9 — Benevolence (Mother's Day)
- 16 — Apostling Fund
- 23 — NHCS Parent Outreach Fund (Pentecost)
- 30 — Faith Promise Missionaries

### June

- 6 — Fellowship
- 13 — Major Building Repairs
- 20 — Apostling Fund (Father's Day)
- 27 — Gideons International

# "Re-humanizing A De-humanized Humanity"

## Notes

### I. Introduction

### II. Exposition of the text, Luke 1:76-80.

#### A. Context

#### B. When Light pierces the darkness.

##### 1. Zechariah's address to his son, vs. 76-77.

###### a. The last Old Testament prophet, vs. 76a.

###### i. A tender address.

###### ii. A prophet of the most high, Luke 1:17.

- A prophet of "El Elyon", Luke 1:32.

- A focused prophet.

###### b. The prophetic calling, vs. 76b-77.

###### i. The angel Gabriel, Luke 1:16-17.

###### ii. The prophet Malachi, Mal. 4:5-6, Luke 1:14.

###### iii. The prophet Isaiah, Isa. 40:3.

###### c. Further elucidation, vs. 77.

###### i. The knowledge of salvation, Matt. 3:2, 4:17.

###### ii. The continued relevance of repentance.

##### 2. The tender mercies of redemption, vs. 78-79, John 3:16.

###### a. A perfect balance, vs. 78a.

###### i. The poetry of tender mercies.

###### ii. Perfectly holy, perfectly tender.

###### b. Post Tenebras Lux, 78b-79.

###### i. Another phrase from the Reformation.

###### ii. A familiar biblical theme, Isa. 60:1-3,

Matt. 4:16, 1Pet. 2:9, John 1:4-9.

###### iii. The heavenly visitation, John 3:19-21.

###### iv. The dayspring.

###### c. A double metaphor, Rom. 3:10-12, Gen. 15:6.

##### 3. John's early life, vs. 80, Luke 1:15.

### III. Interpretation

#### A. The de-humanizing of humanity, Gen. 1:27.

#### B. Visualizing the Imago Dei.

#### C. The restoration of the Image, Col. 1:15, Heb. 1:3.

### IV. Application, 1Cor. 15:49.

### V. Conclusion

## Announcements

**Welcome** to worship, where Jesus always reminds us that he has the final say — and the final victory — over the powers of sin and death.

**Offerings** – Our tithes this morning will be received for the ministry of New Hope Community Church. Our special offering today will be for the **Major Building Repairs** fund. The special offering for next Sunday will be for the Apostling fund.

**Offering Boxes** – are located at the back of the church. Please drop your offerings as you exit or enter the sanctuary.

**Tithes and Offerings**– General Offering: \$7,361.00; Special Offerings:: A/C Replacement fund \$300.00, NHCS Parent Outreach fund \$65.00, and New Hope Missions fund \$95.00.

**"AfterChurch"** – You may join us either in the Sanctuary immediately after the service (around 11:45 AM), or online via the stream.

**VBS – "Lost then Found" Save the date:** June 21 – 25, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Women of New Hope Church** – The prayer team of Women's Ministries invites the women of New Hope Church to join them in their time of prayer each month, on the third Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., in the library at the church. For additional information or questions, please contact Lois Wilson at 954-309-5681.

**Congregational Meeting** – We will have a church-wide congregational meeting immediately after the service on Sunday, May 16th, 2021. Several important issues will be on the agenda, such as: changing the fiscal year to July-June with an adjusted budget; voting on the call of Will Aviles and Clayton Andrews as elders; and changing the name of our church to New Hope Christian Church. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

## Happy Birthday

Delroy Walters	April 6
Diane Hartley	April 9
Carmen Adorno	April 10
Michael B. Barrett	April 12
Ralph Bonness	April 12
Dennis Maza	April 17
Grace Karim	April 19
Barbara Koss	April 20
Elias Ortiz	April 21
Andrea Maza	April 24
Ruth J. Brown	April 25
Dana Hopwood	April 25

## Happy Anniversary!

Matthew & Shelly-Ann Haines	April 15
Scott & Vivian Wheeler	April 17

## Learn & Grow

### Adult Sunday School

When: 6:30 p.m.

Study: **The Epistle of James**  
"NHCCFTL Sermons" on Youtube.

### Tuesday Night Bible Study

When: 7:00 p.m.

Study: **The Study of Mark**  
using "NHCCFTL Sermons" on Youtube.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

When: 7:00 p.m.

Study: **Acts of the Apostles**  
"NHCCFTL Sermons" on Youtube.

## Youth Corner

### Wednesday Night on Campus

### Youth Group – 5th – 12th Grade

Led by Brandy and Clayton Andrews.

**Topic: "Ultimate Issues", by R.C.**

**Sproul. From 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

### JAM Club – K–4th grades

Led by Janet Sessa

**Topic: "It's All About Jesus"**

Bibles are required

From 6:30–8:00 p.m.

ZOOM sessions will continue to be postponed until further notice.

**Children's Church** – The children ages 3 –11 are dismissed before the special music.

## Sunday School

### Elementary Sunday School

When: 3:00 p.m.

Study: **"God's Promises"**

Where: ZOOM Conferencing  
If you would like your child to participate, email SShoemaker@nhccftl.org

### Middle School – Sunday School

When: Directly after the service on Sunday.

Study: **Making Disciples**

Where: ZOOM Conferencing  
If you would like your child to participate email:  
Ms\_Janet@nhccftl.org

## Prayer List

Linda Mateychick

Skip Sigh

Pat Pinkston

Janet Sessa

Alva Leo

Paul & Edie Huisinga

Tish Perkins

Donna Weyd

Jacinth Pierre

## Worship Songs and Readings for Sunday, April 18, 2021

### Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,  
to His feet your tribute bring,  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore His praises sing.  
Here we stand at heaven's open door,  
choirs of angels help us to adore.

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, O my soul, praise the King of Heaven.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Earth and heaven sing,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise Him for His grace and favour,  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise Him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Widely as His mercy overflows,  
sweeter, louder how the anthem grows.

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, O my soul, praise the King of Heaven.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Earth and heaven sing,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Father-like, He tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame He knows.  
In His hand He gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Angels who behold Him face to face,  
sun and moon and all in time and space.

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, O my soul, praise the King of Heaven.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,  
Earth and heaven sing,  
Praise with us the God of grace. (Repeat)

Moment in the Word: Isa. 60:1-5

Is. 60:1. Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Is. 60:2. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

Is. 60:3. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Is. 60:4. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Is. 60:5. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

### Mercy

I will kneel in the dust.  
At the foot of the cross.  
Where mercy paid for me,  
Where the wrath I deserve  
It is gone, it has passed.  
Your blood has hidden me.

Mercy, mercy,  
As endless as the sea;  
I'll sing Your hallelujah  
For all eternity.

We will lift up the cup,  
And the bread we will break,  
Remembering Your love.  
We were fallen from grace,  
But You took all our shame,  
And nailed it to a cross.

Mercy, mercy,  
As endless as the sea;  
I'll sing Your hallelujah



For all eternity. (Repeat)

May I never lose the wonder.  
Oh, the wonder of Your mercy.  
May I sing Your hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Amen.  
(Repeat 2 more times)

Oh, may I never lose the wonder.  
Oh, the wonder of Your mercy.  
May I sing Your hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Amen.

May I never lose the wonder.  
Oh, the wonder of Your mercy.  
May I sing Your hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Amen. (Repeat)

I will kneel in the dust,  
At the foot of the cross,  
Where mercy paid for me.

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved:  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!

My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, My Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns.  
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, My Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns.  
Unending love, amazing grace. (Repeat)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

I See the Lord

I see the Lord seated on the throne, exalted;  
And the train of His robe fills the temple with glory.  
And the whole earth is filled,  
And the whole earth is filled,  
And the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy is the Lord.

I see the Lord seated on the throne, exalted;  
And the train of His robe fills the temple with glory.  
And the whole earth is filled,  
And the whole earth is filled,  
And the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy is the Lord.

I see the Lord seated on the throne, exalted.

Scripture Reading: Isa. 40:1-11

[Pastor] Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. [vs. 1]

[Congregation] Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that

she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. [vs. 2]

[Pastor] A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. [vs. 3]

[Congregation] Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. [vs. 4]

[Pastor] And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." [vs. 5]

[Congregation] A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. [vs. 6]

[Pastor] The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. [vs. 7]

[Congregation] The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. [vs. 8]

[Pastor] Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" [vs. 9]

[Congregation] Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. [vs. 10]

[All] He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. [vs. 11]

### Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 35

[Pastor:] What is God's will for us in the second commandment?

[All:] That we should not represent or worship God in any other manner than God has commanded in the Word.

[Pastor:] May we not then make any image at all?

[All:] God cannot and may not be visible portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one's intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.

[Pastor:] May not images be permitted in the churches as teaching aids for the unlearned?

[All:] No. We should not try to be wiser than God. God wants us to be instructed by the living preaching of the Word not by idols that cannot even talk.

### 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.

### I've Heard the King

I've heard the King! The King of heaven!  
Nor can I e'er forget the music of His voice.  
I've heard the King! His call I've answered.  
I've made the King of heav'n my everlasting choice.

### Refrain

He came to me, and with Him came a blessing.  
He spoke to me, and glory filled my soul;  
His voice I heard, so charming and so wondrous.  
I've heard the King, and hearing am made whole.

I've heard the King! The King of glory;  
For whom my heart's door opened wide and He came in.  
I've heard the King! O blessed hearing,  
His voice spoke peace and pardon for my guilt and sin.  
(Refrain)

I've heard the King! Oh, had I missed Him  
My life forevermore could not regain the loss.  
From heav'n He came, the world to ransom,  
And this He did one day on Calv'ry's cruel cross.  
(Refrain)

I've heard the King! and now I'm telling  
To all the world the gospel of undying love,  
That others too may catch the music  
His voice can bring, and find their way to heav'n above.  
(Refrain)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:76-80

Luke 1:76. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

Luke 1:77. to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the  
forgiveness of their sins,

Luke 1:78. because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the  
sunrise shall visit us from on high

Luke 1:79. to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow  
of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:80. And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was  
in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

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 redeeming love.

Anastasis (O Praise the Name)

O praise the name of the Lord our God.  
O Praise His name forevermore.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise.  
Oh Lord, Oh Lord, our God.