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Sunday Morning Worship (10:00 am)  
· [www.nhccftl.org/sunam](http://www.nhccftl.org/sunam)  
The AfterChurch (11:45 am)  
· [www.nhccftl.org/after](http://www.nhccftl.org/after)  
Wed. Night Bible Study (6:30 pm)  
· [www.nhccftl.org/acts](http://www.nhccftl.org/acts)  
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· [www.nhccftl.org/streamed](http://www.nhccftl.org/streamed)

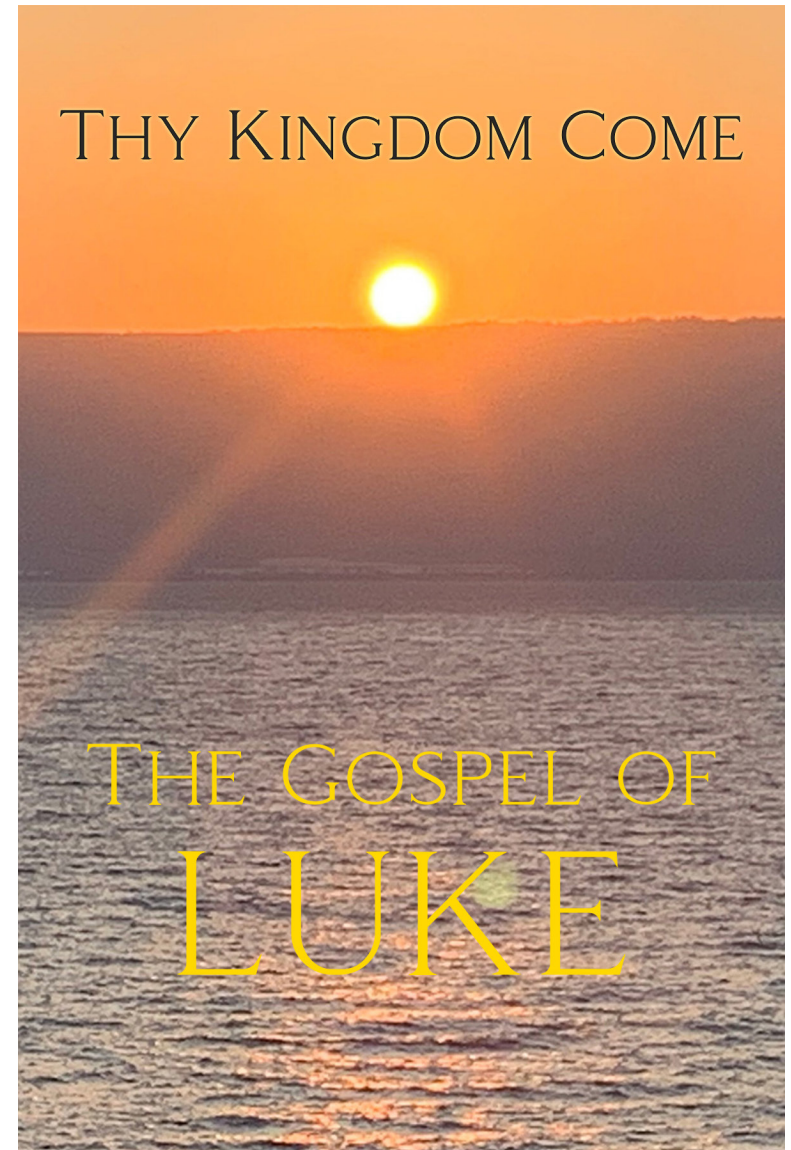


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**Worship Service**  
October 23, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

**Welcome And Invocation To Worship**

**Moment In The Word:** 2Cor. 4:5-7      Elder Freddy Montilla

**Singing Together:**

"Good and Gracious King"

"Revelation Song"

"I See the Lord"

**Responsive Reading:** Psa. 139:1-12

**Prayer For The Gathering**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Friendship Time**

**Offertory and Special Music:** "Hymn of Heaven"

\*\* Dismissal of Children's Church

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 8:16-18

**Prayer For Illumination**

**Message:** "Like Ezekiel's River"

**Prayer For Understanding**

**Response Song:** "Spirit of the Living God"

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction:** "All the Glory Belongs to Jesus"

**Discipleship Opportunities**

**The AfterChurch**

Immediately after the Service  
On campus & streamed\*

*Seeking Deeper Illumination...*  
*from God's Word.*

**Youth AfterChurch** meets in the old  
choir room until 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

On campus & streamed 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Youth Group**

*On campus from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.*  
*6th - 12th grade*

**J.A.M. Club**

*On campus from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.*  
*K - 5th grade*

**Saturday Bible Studies** (2nd & 4th  
Saturdays)

\* Men's Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

\* Women's Bible Study - "The 10  
Commandments", resumes January 14th

**Women's Ministries Prayer Team**

Third Saturday of each month.  
9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall..  
*Women praying for women.*

*\*Check the back page for streaming links!*

**We Thank Those Who Serve Today**

Sound Booth	Bob Timmer Anita Orsini
Ushers	Steve Shoemaker Bill Slager
Greeter	Frank Medina
Treats	Linda Mateychick & Lynn Calhoun
Nursery	Lois Wilson

**Prayer Needs**

Louis Gander  
Donna Weyd  
Edie Huisinga  
Grace Karim  
Ashley Williams  
Bobbie Sayre  
Dee Miller  
Paul & Anna DaCosta  
Alva Leo

**Prayer Chain:** [prayer@nhccftl.org](mailto:prayer@nhccftl.org)

**Birthdays**

Sherry Shoemaker	October 24
Anita Orsini	October 31
Ciara Walters	November 6
Ariah Haines	November 8
Mitou Lucien	November 10
Sarah Pierre	November 13
Janet Sessa	November 13

**Anniversaries**

Wayne & Cheryl Comer November 12  
Jephthe & Mitou Lucien November 30

**This Week...**

23	Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. The AfterChurch: 11:45 a.m.
26	Wednesday Night Discipleship "Acts of the Apostles" 6:30 p.m.

## Announcements

Welcome to NewHope Community Church!

### Offerings –

- Today's tithes will support the ministries of New Hope Community Church.
- Today's Special Offering is for: NHCS Scholarship Fund
- Next Sunday, our special offering will be for: Haiti Thrift Store Fund

### Giving Opportunities –

- Offering Boxes are located at the back of the church. Please drop your offerings as you exit or enter the Sanctuary.
- Online Giving can be made at [www.nhccftl.org/give](http://www.nhccftl.org/give)

### Tithes and Offerings –

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|-------|------------------|
| 10/16 | General: \$5,185 |
| 10/16 | Special: \$ 495  |

### Special Offering Schedule –

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| 10/23 | NHCS Scholarship Fund   |
| 10/30 | Haiti Thrift Store Fund |
| 11/6  | A/C Replacement Fund    |
| 11/13 | Benevolence Fund        |
| 11/20 | Outreach Fund           |
| 11/27 | Faith Promise Fund      |

**Haiti Boxing Day:** Our next boxing day for the Haiti Thrift Store is Monday, November 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Narthex.

**The International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians:** is Sunday, November 6. Please remember to pray for our brothers and sisters in restricted countries. Hebrew 13:3

**The Fall Arts and Crafts Fair:** be held Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are looking for crafters, artists, bakers and volunteers to help make this year's Fair the best ever. All proceeds are for our ARK (At Risk Kids) fund. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Baked Goods Donations** are needed for the November 12 Arts & Crafts Fair's Bake Sale. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

**The Ladies Christmas Tea:** will be held Saturday, December 3rd. If you would like to attend it, a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

## Scripture Reference: Luke 8:16–18 (ESV)

Luke 8:16. No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

Luke 8:17. For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.

Luke 8:18. Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

### Synopsis: "Like Ezekiel's River"

As we return to the Gospel of Luke, we pick up Jesus' teaching directly after the parable of the Sower and the soils. Luke expertly weaves together three seemingly disconnected proverbs (of sorts) as an in-depth commentary on the parable and particularly on the growth of seeds that fall in the good soil. Luke will mix metaphors, adding the idea of Light in a dark room to illustrate the spread of the Gospel in a dark world as well as the day of judgment when all will become clear. We will grapple with the "upside-down" nature of the Kingdom of God, where spiritual gifts and blessings are taken away from those who will not use them and given to those who will. Bringing all this together, we will add our own metaphor to the mix, using Ezekiel's magnificent prophecy of a river that flows from the Temple in Jerusalem, growing ever stronger until it brings life and healing to all that is in its path. We will see this as an illustration of the way both disciples and churches should be growing ever deeper, stronger and more impactful to the dark world around us-- just like Ezekiel's river.

## "Like Ezekiel's River" – Luke 8:16–18

- I. Introduction, Ezek. 47:1–12.
- II. Exposition of the text, Luke 8:16–18.
  - A. Context
    1. Luke's ordering.
    2. Expanding the parable of the Sower.
  - B. Growing like seeds of Light.
    1. Let your Light shine, vs. 16.
      - a. Mixing metaphors, Matt. 24:14.
      - b. Explaining the metaphor.
        - i. The image of the lamp.
          - 1) The literal image.
          - 2) The figurative image.
        - ii. The images of covering.
          - 1) The earthen vessel, 2Cor. 4:7.
          - 2) The mattress, Matt. 9:6.
      - c. Interpreting the metaphor.
        - i. The literal conclusion.
        - ii. The figurative conclusion.
          - 1) The Light that IS Christ, John 1:9, Eph. 5:8, 2Cor. 4:6.
          - 2) The objective of the Sower.
      - d. Luke's addition, Luke 8:10.
    2. The Light that cannot be extinguished, vs. 17.
      - a. How the Light is hidden.
        - i. The Light shines in the darkness, Rom. 3:11–12.
        - ii. The nature of the parable, John 1:5, 3:19.
      - b. The day of judgment.
        - i. The positive side of judgment, Phil 2:10–11.
        - ii. The negative side of judgment, Psa. 139:7.
    3. The importance of hearing, vs. 18, Luke 8:8,10.
      - a. The Gospel call to "hear", vs. 18a.
        - i. THAT disciples should hear,
        - ii. What disciples should hear, Mark 4:24.
        - iii. How disciples should hear, Titus 3:9, Luke 11:34.

- b. The "upside-down" Kingdom, vs. 18b.
  - i. What Jesus does not mean.
    - 1) Nothing to do with physical wealth.
    - 2) Nothing to do with salvation.
  - ii. What Jesus does mean.
    - 1) The nature of spiritual growth.
      - a) Human responsibility.
      - b) God's sovereignty.
    - 2) Gifts designed to be used.
    - 3) A battle plan implies a war, Eph. 6:11–12, Heb. 11:37–38.

- III. Application
  - A. Use your gifts and count your blessings!
  - B. Deepening your gifts and blessings.
- IV. Conclusion: Like Ezekiel's river.

### Notes

# Worship Songs

October 23, 2022

## 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: 2Cor. 4:5-7

2Cor. 4:5. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,  
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2Cor. 4:6. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in  
our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face  
of Jesus Christ.

2Cor. 4:7. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the  
surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

## Good and Gracious King

I approach the throne of glory,  
Nothing in my hands I bring,  
But the promise of acceptance,  
From a good and gracious King.

I will give to You my burden,  
As You give to me Your strength.  
Come and fill me with Your Spirit,  
As I sing to You this praise.

You deserve the greater glory, overcome, I lift my voice.  
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice.  
You deserve the greater glory; overcome with joy I sing.  
By Your love, I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King.

And O what grace that You would see me,  
As Your child and as Your friend,  
Safe, secure in You forever,  
I pour out my praise again.

You deserve the greater glory, overcome, I lift my voice.  
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice.  
You deserve the greater glory; overcome with joy I sing.  
By Your love, I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King.

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,  
Good and gracious, good and gracious,  
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,  
Good and gracious King.  
(repeat)

You deserve the greater glory, overcome, I lift my voice.  
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice.  
You deserve the greater glory; overcome with joy I sing.  
By Your love, I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King.

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## Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
Holy, holy is He;  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat.

### Refrain

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings,  
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King.  
(Refrain)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
At the mention of Your name;  
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,  
Such a marv'lous mystery.  
(Refrain)

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**Scripture Reading: Psa. 139:1-12**

[Pastor:] O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

[Congregation:] You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

[Pastor:] You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

[Congregation:] Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

[Pastor:] You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

[Congregation:] Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

[Pastor:] Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

[Congregation:] If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

[Pastor:] If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

[Congregation:] even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

[Pastor:] If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

[All:] even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

**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.

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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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## Hymn of Heaven

How I long  
To breathe the air of Heaven,  
Where pain is gone,  
And mercy fills the streets;  
To look upon the One  
Who bled to save me;  
And walk with Him for all eternity.

There will be a day.  
When all will bow before Him.  
There will be a day,  
When death will be no more;  
Standing face to face,  
With He who died,  
And rose again.  
Holy, Holy is the Lord.

And every prayer  
We prayed in desperation;  
The songs of faith  
We sang through doubt and fear.  
In the end  
We'll see that it was worth it,  
When He returns  
To wipe away our tears.

There will be a day.  
When all will bow before Him.  
There will be a day,  
When death will be no more;  
Standing face to face,  
With He who died,  
And rose again.  
Holy, Holy is the Lord.

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And on that day,  
We join the resurrection,  
And stand beside  
The heroes of the faith;  
With one voice  
A thousand generations,  
Sing worthy is the Lamb  
Who was slain.  
(repeat)

Forever He shall reign.

So let it be today  
We shout the hymn of Heaven.  
With angels and the saints  
We raise a mighty roar.  
Glory to our God  
Who gave us life beyond the grave.  
Holy, Holy is the Lord.

(repeat)  
Holy, Holy is the Lord.

## Spirit of the Living God

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.  
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.  
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.  
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

## All the Glory Belongs to Jesus

All the glory belongs to Jesus.  
All the praise belongs to Him.  
All that I am or ever hope to be,  
All the glory belongs to Him.