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All Current Streams:

·www.nhccftl.org/streams

Sunday Morning Worship (10:00 am)

·www.nhccftl.org/sunam

The AfterChurch (12:00 pm)

·www.nhccftl.org/after

Wed. Night Bible Study (6:30 pm)

·www.nhccftl.org/acts

Stream Library

·www.nhccftl.org/streamed



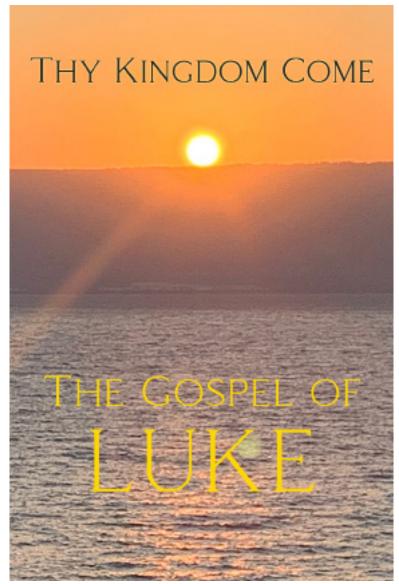
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## Worship Service September 7, 2025

Announcements

Call To Worship: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Welcome And Invocation To Worship

Moment In The Word: John 17:14-20 Rev. Kirby Williams

Singing Together:

"Abide"

"He Will Hold Me Fast"
"Worthy Is the Lamb"

Responsive Reading: Isa. 53:4–12

Prayer For The Gathering

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Friendship Time

Offertory & Special Music: "Take Time to be Holy"

\*\*Dismissal of Children's Church

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:35-38

Prayer For Illumination

Message: "Guardians of the Truth"

Prayer For Understanding

Response Song: "Take Time to be Holy"

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Worthy Is the Lamb"

## Discipleship Opportunities

#### The AfterChurch

Immediately after the Service
On campus & streamed\*

Seeking Deeper Illumination...

Seeking Deeper Illumination. from God's Word.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Resuming September 10 On campus & streamed at 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

#### Ladies' Prayer Ministry

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

#### We Thank Those Who Serve Today

Sound Booth Bob Timmer Anita Orsini

Ushers Steve Shoemaker

Bill Slager

Greeter Frank Medina

Treats Lynn Calhoun and

Linda Mateychick

Nursery Matilde Tolmos

## Prayer Needs

Sherry Shoemaker Bobbie Sayre Donna Weyd Paul & Ariella DaCosta Alva Leo

Prayer Chain: prayer@nhccftl.org

#### Birthdays

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Rhonda McLane	September 1
Cindy Buckley	September 3
Ben Timmer	September 7
Jocelyn Rosa	September 9
Dawn Duplak	September 10
Ena Ramraj	September 10
Ashley Williams	September 10
Robert Alcius	September 11
Joshua Andrews	September 15
Andrew Swanson	September 25
Candy Cawley	Septembet 30

## This Week...

7	Worship Service: AfterChurch	10.00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.
8	Haiti Boxing Day	9:00 a.m.
10	JAM Club Youth Group Adult Bible Study – "Acts of the Apostl	6:30 p.m. es"
13	Men's Breakfast	7:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m.

<sup>\*</sup> Check the back page for streaming links!

#### Announcements

Welcome to New Hope Community Church!

## Offerings -

- Today's tithes will support the ministries of New Hope Community Church.
- · Today's Special Offering is for: the Technology fund.

Next Sunday, our special offering will be for: the Benevolence 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

#### Tithes and Offerings -

8/31 General: \$8.846.58 8/31 Special: \$ 155.00

## Special Funds Schedule -

9/7 Technology9/14 Benevolence9/21 New Hope Missions9/28 A/C Replacement

Nursery:
Infants to 3 yrs
Children's Church: Ages 4-5th
grade; dismissed at Special Music.

# Please - no food or drink in the Sanctuary....

New Member's Class: We will be holding another New Member's Class in the near future. If you are interested in joining our church or just want to know more about what we believe – then this is the class for you! There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Haiti Boxing Ministry: will begin on September 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the church lobby.

#### Grading Papers for NHCS Teachers::

There will be an informational meeting on September 10, at 6:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to be a part of this ministry. Grading packets will begin September 8.

Wednesday Night Events: The Adult Bible Study - "Acts of the Apostles" will resume this Wednesday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast: The men will gather Saturday morning, Sept. 13 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, followed by Bible Study and discussion. All men are invited..

Women's Bible Study 2025: Join us this fall for four sessions on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of September and October. The first meeting will be September 13 at 9:15 a.m.

Save the Date for our last Craft Fair Meeting. We ask all those involved in any part of the fair (not just those bringing crafts) to come on October 4 at 9:00 .a.m.for final instructions. Following the meeting, there will also be a time for making crafts together.

EvenFall: will resume September 21.

# Scripture Reference: Luke 22:35-38 (ESV)

Luke 22:35. And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing."

Luke 22:36. He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.

Luke 22:37. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment."

Luke 22:38. And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

## Synopsis: "Guardians of the Truth"

Knowing that His time with His disciples is growing short, Jesus continues to instruct them on the vital aspects of shepherding His church after He leaves. Having carefully described the necessity of such Kingdom attributes as servanthood, discipleship and faith-- Jesus once again turns His attention to the relentless spiritual battle His church will face in the age to come. Using graphic language and imagery, Jesus Warns His disciples that the enemy will attack the church, throughout its history, by targeting its most precious and essential resource-- the TRUTH He quotes Isaiah's Servant Song to emphasize how this truth will be manipulated by the enemy and that His disciples and the church they establish must be prepared to wage a neverending fight to protect it. Ultimately, we will realize God has codified this TRUTH in His inspired, inerrant and infallible WORD, which is therefore satan's primary target in his war against the truth. The church must fulfill its calling to not only spread the truth, but to tenaciously defend and protect it -- realizing that Jesus has appointed us as the guardians of the Truth until He returns.

# "Guardians of the Truth" - Luke 22:35-38 (ESV)

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Introduction, John 17:17.  Exposition of the text, Luke 22:35–38.  A. Context  B. Jesus reveals the upcoming fight for the Truth.  1. Recollection of a happier time, vs. 35.  a. The remembrance, Luke 9:3, 10:4. b. The answer. i. Palestinian Hospitality. ii. Good standing with the people. iii. The protection of the Holy Spirit, Luke 10:5–6,17–18.  2. Warning of challenging times to come, vs. 36. a. A dramatic reversal. i. Comparing the two times. ii. Days of persecution, Luke 22:28,31; John 17:11–13. b. Probing the reason, Rev. 12:17; Acts 1:6. c. The most misunderstood instruction. i. What Jesus is not saying, Matt. 26:52. 1) Christianity is not a religion of violence, Josh. 6:21; Matt. 26:52,53; Luke 6:29; John 13:35. 2) Glaring lessons from history. 3) Yet another literal interpretation, Acts 8:32.	c. The quote from Isaiah.  i. As a quote in a specific sense, Isa. 53:12.  1) A statement of lawlessness, Psa. 51:13, 1Tim. 1:9.  2) The "criminalization" of Jesus, John 3:19–20; Luke 13:14, 22:52, 23:33.  3) The criminalization of the church, Luke 6:2; Acts 18:12–13.  ii. As a quote in a broader sense.  1) What the quote does not mean.  2) What the quote does mean, Matt. 8:17; John 12:38; Acts 8:32–33; Gal. 3:13; 1Pet. 2:24.  3) Evaluating the immediate context, 2Cor. 5:21.  iii. Summary  4. The disciples' confusion, vs. 38.  a. The disciples' response. b. Jesus' rebuke, Luke 22:51.  III. Application IV. Conclusion
ii. What Jesus is saying.	Notes
1) Clearly, Jesus iš not talking about violence.	
2) Imagining the imagery of the sword.	
3) The nature of the battle,	
Luke 4:29–30, 22:28; John 1:14, 8:43, 14:6.	
4) Getting to the point.	
iii. Summarizing the imagery of the sword, Heb. 4:12; Rev. 19:15; Eph. 6:17.	
3. Fulfilling Isaiah's Suffering Servant, vs. 37.	
a. Looking at the form.	
i. Noticing the similarities.	
ii. Noticing the emphasis.	
b. Looking at the words. i. The explanatory "for".	
ii. The modified truth formula.	
iii. A specific Messianic prophecy describing	
Jesus, Luke 20:17.	
iv. A divine necessity, Luke 9:22,44, 18:31, 22:22.	
v. The "end" of redemption, 2Cor. 1:20.	
vi. The Preeminence of Christ.	
vii. Differences in the closing statement.	

# Worship Song September 7, 2025

#### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our Refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

#### Moment in the Word: John 17:14-20

John 17:14. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

John 17:15. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

John 17:16. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

John 17:17. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:18. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

John 17:19. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

John 17:20. I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

#### Abide

For my waking breath for my daily bread, I depend on You, I depend on You. For the sun to rise for my sleep at night, I depend on You, I depend on You.

You're the way the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry. I'm the branch and You are the vine, Draw me close and teach me to abide.

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following, I depend on You, I depend on You. For the victories still in front of me, I depend on You, I depend on You.

You're the way the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry. I'm the branch and You are the vine, Draw me close and teach me to abide. Be my strength, my song in the night, Be my all my treasure my prize. I am Yours, forever You're mine. Draw me close and teach me to abide,

When I pass through death as I enter rest, I depend on You, I depend on You, For eternal life to be raised with Christ, I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry. I'm the branch and You are the vine, Draw me close and teach me to abide. Be my strength, my song in the night, Be my all my treasure my prize. I am Yours, forever You're mine. Draw me close and teach me to abide,

I depend on You, I depend on You. I depend on You, I depend on You.

#### He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast, When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast; I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path, For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast.

Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast, 'til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last.

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast. For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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#### Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank you for the cross, Lord;
Thank you for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came and gave amazing grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank you for the nail pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow.
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns.
You reign victorious,
high and lifted up.
Jesus, Son of God,
the Darling of Heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb.

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## Responsive Reading: Isa. 53:4-12

[Pastor:] Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

[Congregation:] But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

[Pastor:] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turnedevery one-to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

[Congregation:] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

[Pastor:] By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

[Congregation:] And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

[Pastor:] Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

[Congregation:] Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

[All:] Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## 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.

#### Take Time to be Holy

Take time to be holy, Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always And feed on His Word.

Make friends with God's children, Help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, The world rushes on; Spend much time in secret With Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, Like Him thou shalt be; Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, Let Him be thy Guide, And run not before Him, Whatever be-tide. In joy or in sorrow Still follow thy Lord, And looking to Jesus, Still trust in His Word.

## Take Time to be Holy

Take time to be holy, Be calm in thy soul-Each tho't and each motive Beneath His control. Thus led by His Spirit To fountains of love, Thou soon shall be fitted For service above.

#### Worthy Is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns.
You reign victorious,
high and lifted up.
Jesus, Son of God,
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