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· 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
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· www.nhccftl.org/streamed

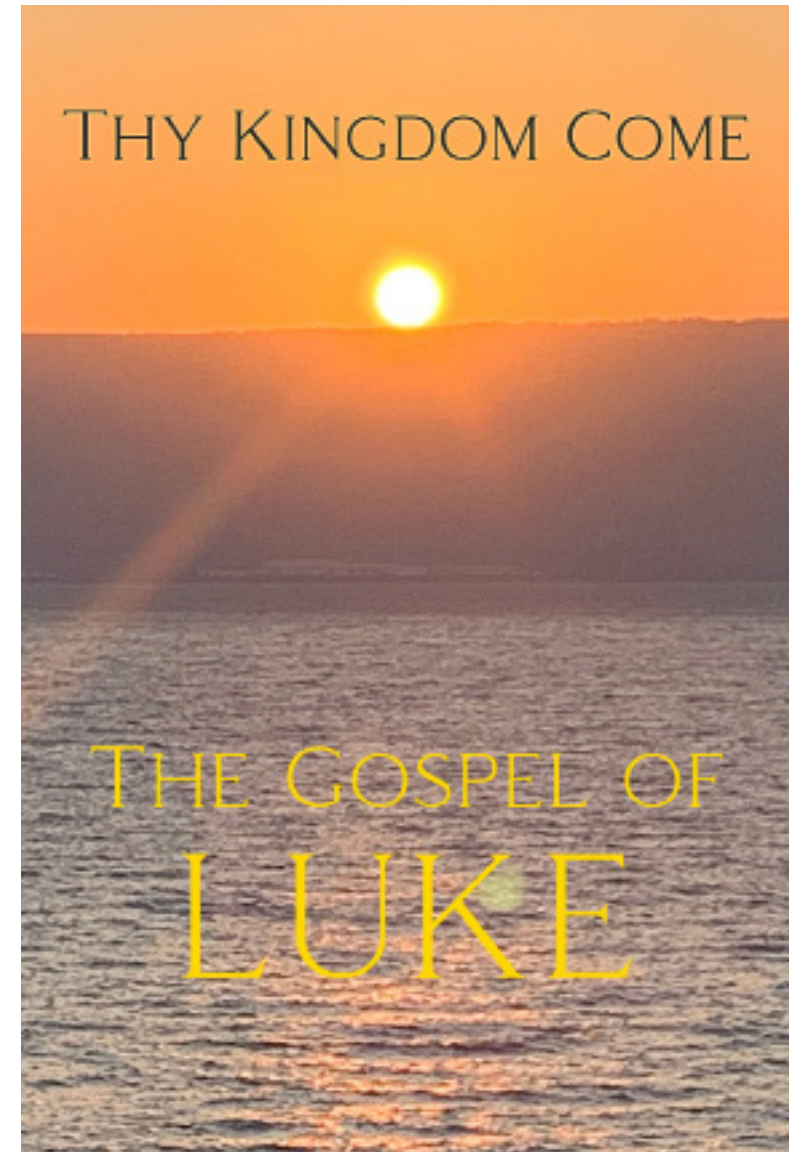


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Worship Service
September 21, 2025

Announcements

Call To Worship: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Welcome And Invocation To Worship

Moment In The Word: Prov. 26:22-26 Deacon Frank Medina

Singing Together:
"Days of Elijah"
"Great I Am"
"Is He Worthy?"

Responsive Reading: Psa. 55:1-14
Prayer For The Gathering

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Friendship Time

Offertory & Special Music: "Total Praise"
***Dismissal of Children's Church*

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:47-53
Prayer For Illumination

Message: "The Kiss of the Power of Darkness"

Prayer For Understanding

Response Song: "His Name Is Life"

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "He Alone Is Worthy"
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Discipleship Opportunities

The AfterChurch

Immediately after the Service
On campus & streamed*
*Seeking Deeper Illumination...
from God's Word.*

Wednesday Night Bible Study

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

** 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	Lynn Calhoun and Linda Mateychick
Nursery	Alexis Evans-Morris

Prayer Needs

Sherry Shoemaker
Bobbie Sayre
Donna Weyd
Alva Leo

Prayer Chain: prayer@nhccftl.org

Birthdays

Robert Alcuis	September 11
Joshua Andrews	September 15
Andrew Swanson	September 25
Candy Cawley	September 30

This Week...

21	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	AfterChurch	11:45 a.m.
	EvenFall Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
17	JAM Club	
	Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
	Adult Bible Study - "Acts of the Apostles"	
27	Men's Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study	9:15 a.m.

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 New Hope Missions fund.

Next Sunday, our special offering will be for: the A/C Replacement 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 –

9/14 General: \$9,238.98
9/14 Special: \$ 285.00

Special Funds Schedule –

9/21 New Hope Missions
9/28 A/C Replacement
10/5 Sanctuary
10/12 Benevolence
10/19 Technology
10/26 Major Repairs

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: There will be a short meeting of everyone who signed up for the New Member's Class immediately after the service to designate a time to hold the class.

EvenFall Worship Service: will resume this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Coming Up – The 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.

Christmas Tea Hostesses

Needed: If you would like to host a table for the Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 6th, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will need about 12 ladies each to host a table, so please prayerfully consider this service opportunity. There will be a meeting in October for all hostesses in order to form the guest lists and answer any questions.

Scripture Reference: Luke 22:47–53 (ESV)

Luke 22:47. While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him,
Luke 22:48. but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"
Luke 22:49. And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"
Luke 22:50. And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.
Luke 22:51. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.
Luke 22:52. Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?"
Luke 22:53. When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

Synopsis: "The Kiss of the Power of Darkness"

While Jesus is still rebuking His disciples for sleeping rather than praying to be delivered from temptation-- "temptation" arrives literally out of the darkness! Judas the betrayer reappears leading a mob of religious leaders and soldiers, armed to the teeth, and with the malintent of arresting Jesus. Famously, Judas identifies Jesus with a kiss and a short fracas ensues as some of His disciples brandish their swords. We will analyze this encounter focusing on the vast difference between Jesus' reaction and that of His disciples. But primarily we will see Judas as representing one of Satan's most effective tactics against the people of God-- to circumvent their strength by placing a betrayer in their midst. A betrayer who acts as a conduit for the power of evil to invade the church from the inside and therefore defy the Lordship of Christ. Ultimately we will ask ourselves if there is a Judas in our midst; but even more poignantly, ask ourselves if there is a Judas lurking within us-- and thereby expose the "kiss of the power of darkness".

This sermon in written form is available at:
<http://www.nhccftl.org/sermons>

"The Kiss of the Power of Darkness" – Luke 22:47–53 (ESV)

I. Introduction

II. Exposition of the text, Luke 22:47–53.

A. Context

1. The triumph of Jesus in the garden.
2. The problems with the disciples.
 - a. Judas' preparations for betrayal, Luke 22:3,22.
 - b. The struggles of the eleven.
 - i. The argument over greatness.
 - ii. Satan's demand, John 10:28.
 - iii. Peter's self-faith.
 - iv. The warning of persecution, Luke 22:36,38, 9:23.
 - v. Asleep in the Garden, Luke 22:40, 46.

B. Judas and the Power of Darkness.

1. Setting the scene, vs. 47a.
 - a. An interrupted conversation, Luke 22:46.
 - b. A crowd from the realm of darkness.
 - c. The betrayer out front.
 - i. Tracing Judas' steps.
 - ii. The threat from within.
2. The kiss, vs. 47b–48, John 18:6.
 - a. Analyzing the kiss, vs. 47b.
 - i. Why the sign of a kiss?
 - ii. An act of hypocrisy.
 - iii. A rejection of Lordship.
 - iv. Something to think about.
 - b. Jesus' response, vs. 48.
 - i. Noticing the form.
 - ii. One last attempt, Luke 22:22.
 - iii. A subtle irony, Luke 7:37–38, 13:30.
3. The armed resistance, vs. 49–51.
 - a. The absurd question, vs. 49.
 - i. A grossly uneven match, Luke 22:14,38.
 - ii. A time of grace and Providence, Luke 13:1.
 - b. The absurd reaction, vs. 50.
 - c. The rebuke and healing, vs. 51.
 - i. The rebuke, Matt. 26:52.
 - ii. The healing, Luke 6:27,28.

4. The address to the crowd, vs. 52–53.
 - a. Exposing the perpetrators, vs. 52a.
 - b. Exposing the superfluity of force, vs. 52b.
 - c. Exposing the hypocrisy, vs. 53a, John 3:19–20.
 - d. The hour of darkness, vs. 53b.
 - i. The Providential and prophetic "hour", John 7:30, 17:1.
 - ii. The domain of darkness.
 - 1) Defining the phrase, Eph. 2:2.
 - 2) Meeting the players, Luke 20:19–20, 23:7; Acts 26:18.

III. Application, Luke 22:22.

IV. Conclusion

Notes

Worship Song
September 21, 2025

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Moment in the Word: Prov. 26:22-26

Prov. 26:22. The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.

Prov. 26:23. Like the glaze covering an earthen vessel are fervent lips with an evil heart.

Prov. 26:24. Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips and harbors deceit in his heart;

Prov. 26:25. when he speaks graciously, believe him not, for there are seven abominations in his heart;

Prov. 26:26. though his hatred be covered with deception, his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.

Days of Elijah

Behold He comes, Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, At the trumpet call;
So lift your voice, In the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill, Salvation comes.

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Behold He comes, Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, At the trumpet call;
So lift your voice, In the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill, Salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Behold He comes, Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, At the trumpet call;
So lift your voice, In the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill, Salvation comes.

There is no god like Jehovah! There is no god like Jehovah!
(Repeat 3 more times)

Behold He comes, Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, At the trumpet call;
So lift your voice, In the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill, Salvation comes. (Repeat)

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Great I Am

I wanna be close, close to Your side,
So heaven is real, and death is a lie.
I wanna hear voices of angels above, singing as one.

Hallelujah, Holy, Holy. God Almighty, Great I Am!
Who is worthy, none beside Thee.
God Almighty. Great I Am!

I wanna be near, near to Your heart,
Loving the world, hating the dark.
I want to see dry bones living again, singing as one.

Hallelujah, Holy, Holy. God Almighty, Great I Am!
Who is worthy, none beside Thee.
God Almighty. Great I Am! He's the Great I Am, Great I Am.

The mountains shake before Him, the demons run and flee
At the mention of the name, "King of Majesty."
There is no pow'r in hell, or any who can stand,
Before the power and the presence of
The Great I Am! The Great I Am! The Great I Am!

Hallelujah, Holy, Holy. God Almighty, Great I Am!
Who is worthy, none beside Thee. God Almighty. Great I Am!
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Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do!) Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do!)
But do you know that all the dark Won't stop the light from getting through? (We do!)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do!)

Is all creation groaning? (It is!) Is a new creation coming? (It is!)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is!)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is!)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave, He is David's root and the Lamb,
Who died to ransom the slave Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory, Is He worthy of this? (He is!)

Does the Father truly love us? (He does!) Does the Spirit move among us? (He does!)
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does!)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does!)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave, He is David's root and the Lamb,
Who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son. Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory, Is He worthy? Is He Worthy?
Is He worthy of this? (He is!) (He is!)

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Is He worthy? Is He worthy? (He is!) (He is!)
He is worthy! He is Worthy! (He is!)

Responsive Reading: Psalms 55:1-14

[Pastor:] Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

[Congregation:] Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,

[Pastor:] because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

[Congregation:] My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

[Pastor:] Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

[Congregation:] And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;

[Pastor:] yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah

[Congregation:] I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."

[Pastor:] Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city.

[Congregation:] Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it;

[Pastor:] ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace.

[Congregation:] For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me— then I could hide from him.

[Pastor:] But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

[All:] We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.

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.

Total Praise

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You.
You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

You are the source of my strength,
You are the strength of my life,
I lift my hands in total praise to You.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

His Name Is Life

His name is Master, Savior, Lion of Judah,
Blessed Prince of Peace;
Shepherd, Fortress, Rock of Salvation;
Lamb of God is He.
Son of David, King of the Ages, Eternal Life;
Holy Lord of Glory – His name is Life.

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He Alone Is Worthy

He alone is worthy,
To worship and adore,
The Lamb of God victorious,
Our risen Lord.
He purchased our redemption,
Our righteousness is He,
Exalt the name of Jesus.
He is worthy!
(Repeat)

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