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· [www.nhccftl.org/sunam](http://www.nhccftl.org/sunam)  
The AfterChurch (12:00 pm)  
· [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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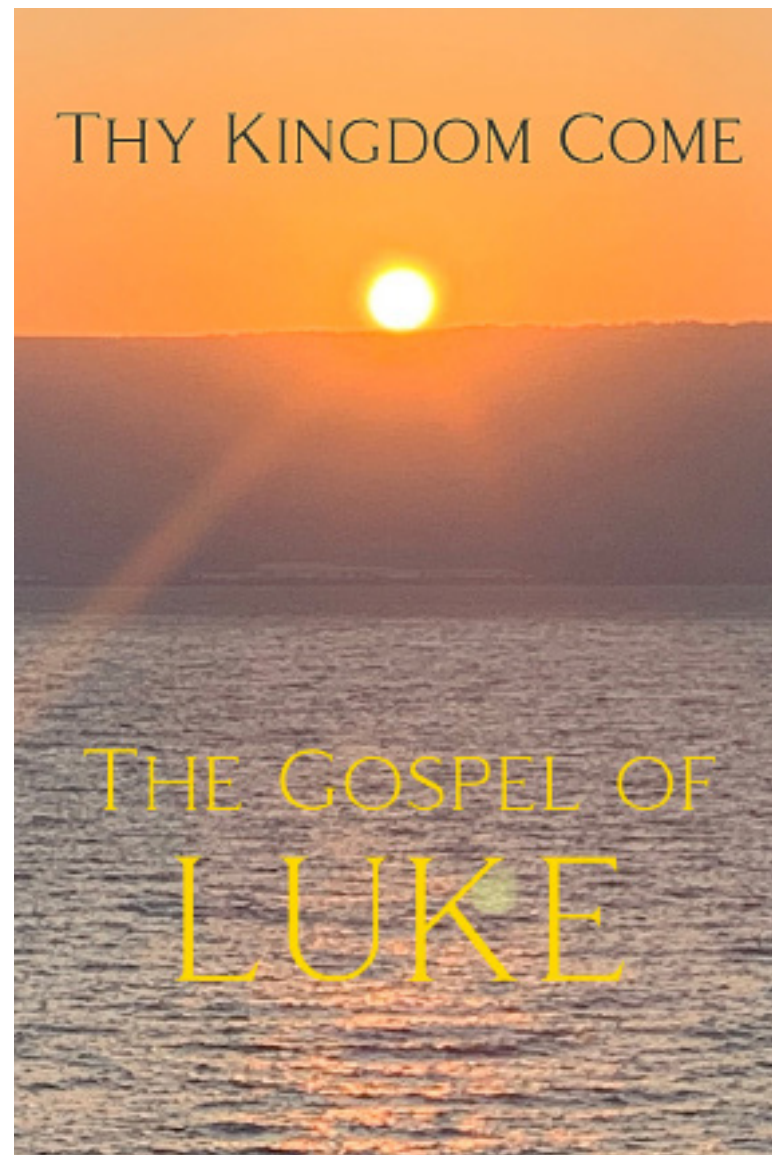


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**Worship Service**  
**November 16, 2025**

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship:** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

**Welcome And Invocation To Worship**

**Moment In The Word:** Isa. 42:1-4      Rev. Kirby Williams

**Singing Together:**

"Hail the Day"

"The Lord is My Salvation"

"Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

**Responsive Reading:** Psa. 45:1-17

**Prayer For The Gathering**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Friendship Time**

**Offertory & Special Music:** "Our Messiah Reigns"

**\*\*Dismissal of Children's Church**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 23:1-5

**Message:** "The 'Irregardless' King"

**Prayer For Understanding**

**Response Song:** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction:** "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

**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!*

**Prayer Needs**

Sherry Shoemaker

Bobbie Sayre

Donna Weyd

Alva Leo

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

**Birthdays**

Mitou Lucien      November 10

Janet Sessa      November 13

Frances Russo      November 16

PJ Rogers      November 20

Donna Weyd      November 21

Devyn Comer      November 25

Denise Prohaska.... November 26

Jackie Knowles      November 29

Theodore Rosa      November 30

**Anniversaries**

Jephthe & Mitou Lucien      November 30

**This Week..**

16      Worship Service      10:00 a.m.  
         AfterChurch      11:45 a.m.

19      JAM Club  
         Youth Group      6:30 p.m.  
         Adult Bible Study –  
                 "The Acts of the Apostles"

22      Men's Breakfast      7:30 a.m.  
         Thanksgiving Feast      6:00 p.m.

**We Thank Those Who Serve Today**

Sound Booth	Bob Timmer Anita Orsini
Ushers	Steve Shoemaker Bill Slager
Greeter	Frank Medina
Treats	Cheryl Comer
Nursery	Alexis Evans-Morris

## 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 Tuition Assistance 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](http://www.nhccftl.org/give)

### Tithes and Offerings –

11/9 General: \$ 4,857

11/9 Special: \$ 382

### Special Funds Schedule –

11/23 Benevolence

11/27 Benevolence

11/30 Major Building 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....**

**An EvenFall Worship Service:** will not take place this evening.

**Men's Breakfast:** The men will gather Saturday morning, November 22 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, followed by Bible Study and discussion. All men are invited.

**New Hope Thanksgiving Feast:** There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for this holiday dinner. It will be held on Saturday, November 22nd in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Admission is free; just bring your favorite dish to share. Turkey and beverages will be provided.

**Christmas Decorating:** is planned for 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 29. We need volunteers to decorate the tree, the narthex and the sanctuary. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

**Christmas Tea:** We are looking for bakers to make Christmas cookies for the Tea to be held on December 6. Cookies should be delivered to the church between 5–8 p.m., Friday, December 5 or between 10–11 a.m., Saturday, December 6. If you can help with this, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

**Wings of Hope Gift Boxes:** are now available on the table under the narthex TV, along with instructions. Simply take a boy or girl box or both boxes, and fill them with the items listed on the instructions. Place your box(es) under the Christmas tree in the lobby after November 29, but no later than Sunday, December 21st. All gift boxes will be shipped and distributed to the At Risk Kids (ARK) that we support in Haiti. Our goal is to send 200 boxes!

## Scripture Reference: Luke 23:1–5 (ESV)

Luke 23:1. Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate.

Luke 23:2. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."

Luke 23:3. And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so."

Luke 23:4. Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."

Luke 23:5. But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

### "Synopsis: "The "Irregardless" King"

After judging and condemning Jesus, the Sanhedrin in unison takes Him to Pilate, who alone held the "power of the sword", and was therefore necessary to accomplish their evil intention to kill Jesus. We will notice how their accusations are not only false, but take a decidedly political tone, designed to strike a nerve in Pilate and thereby force him to accomplish their will. This will highlight the power struggle between Pilate and the chief priests, as the latter finds Jesus guilty of a crime deserving death and Pilate finds Him innocent. But the emphasis of the passage centers around Pilate's question to Jesus and Jesus' response. All four Gospels carry this exchange verbatim so we will look carefully at the words and realize Pilate is skeptical that this beaten and forsaken man who stands before him, without an army, resources or supporters, is truly a king and an imminent threat to Rome. But it is Jesus' response that crystalizes the fact that irregardless of His appearance, irregardless of His situation, and irregardless of His seeming lack of power and resources-- He is not only the King of the Jews, but Pilate's King as well! For this is the King of all peoples on earth, the King of all kings, and the transcendent King of all Creation. And although His humble appearance might be deceiving, He is your King as well-- irregardless.

# "The 'Irregardless' King" - Luke 23:1-5 (ESV)

## I. Introduction

## II. Exposition of the text, Luke 23:1-5.

A. Context, John 3:16-18, 6:66; Mark. 14:37; Luke 22:48; Matt. 26:56, 26:74.

### B. Jesus' first interview with Pilate.

#### 1. The Sanhedrin goes to Pilate, vs. 1.

a. A show of unity, Luke 22:66.

b. The trial before Pilate.

i. Why Pilate was needed, Deut. 21:23; Isa. 53:4-5; Gal. 3:13.

ii. Introducing Pontius Pilate, Luke 3:1, 13:1.

#### 2. False accusations and lies, vs. 2.

a. The political slant of the accusations, Luke 22:70-71; Mark 14:64.

b. Three initial accusations.

i. The accusation of sedition.

ii. The accusation concerning taxation, Luke 20:22, 25.

iii. The accusation concerning authority.

#### 3. Pilate's skeptical question, vs. 3a.

a. The significance of "King of the Jews".

b. The importance of grammar.

#### 4. Jesus' transcendent answer, vs. 3b.

a. The hidden power of Jesus' response, Luke 22:70; John 18:36.

b. The transcendent King of kings.

i. The nature of the King.

ii. The nature of His Dominion.

iii. The nature of His subjects.

c. The "irregardless" King.

#### 5. The declaration of innocence, vs. 4.

a. Pointing out the power struggle.

b. The verdict of a weak man, Luke 15:8.

c. The true power, Acts 2:23.

#### 6. A parting salvo, vs. 5.

## III. Application

## IV. Conclusion

## Notes

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**Worship Songs**  
**November 16, 2025**

**Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bids the mighty ocean deep--  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain  
O'er which our traffic runs amain  
By mountain pass or valley low;  
Wherever, Lord, our brethren go,  
Protect them by Thy guarding hand  
From every peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent  
To spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might  
Save all who dare the eagle's flight;  
And keep them by Thy watchful care  
From every peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them whereso-e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

**Moment in the Word: Isa. 42:1-4**

Isa. 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

Isa. 42:2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

Isa. 42:3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

Isa. 42:4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

## Hail the Day

Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
The King of Love is on His throne.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
His grace will lead us safely home.

Hail the day that Christ arose,  
Through the skies to worlds unknown.  
Glorious there He ever reigns,  
Object of all heaven's praise.

See Him lift His hands above,  
See the scars of His great love.  
He has conquered death and sin,  
Saving all who hope in Him.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
The King of Love is on His throne.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
His grace will lead us safely home.

Though He dwells beyond the stars,  
His redeemed are on His heart.  
Even now He intercedes,  
Jesus cares for all our needs.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
The King of Love is on His throne.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
His grace will lead us safely home.

Hallelujah, we are redeemed!  
Hallelujah, Jesus is King!  
Hallelujah, we are redeemed!  
Hallelujah, Jesus is King!  
(Repeat)

Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
The King of Love is on His throne.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
His grace will lead us safely home.

## The Lord is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me,  
and pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground,  
The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,  
His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun,  
The Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won!  
The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord.  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades I know spring will come.  
The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,  
when I know loss, when I am weak,  
I know His grace will renew these days.  
The Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won!  
The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day,  
He will not leave me in the grave,  
But I will rise, He will call me home!  
The Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won!  
The Lord is my salvation.



## Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker;  
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
For He is our God,  
And we are the people of His pasture.  
And the sheep of His hand,  
Just the sheep of His hand.  
(Repeat)

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## Responsive Reading: Psalms 45:1-17

**[Pastor:]** My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

**[Congregation:]** You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

**[Pastor:]** Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!

**[Congregation:]** In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

**[Pastor:]** Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.

**[Congregation:]** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

**[Pastor:]** you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

**[Congregation:]** your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

**[Pastor:]** daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

**[Congregation:]** Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house,

**[Pastor:]** and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.

**[Congregation:]** The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

**[Pastor:]** All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

**[Congregation:]** In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.

**[Pastor:]** With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

**[Congregation:]** In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

**[All:]** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

## 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.

## **Our Messiah Reigns**

You broke the curse of death, for You,  
You are the risen One.  
Heaven and earth will be made new,  
For You are the chosen One.

You are Messiah, the world's true Lord.  
We lift You higher as we cry out.

Glory to the Lamb who died and rose again;  
Exalted over all, our Messiah reigns.  
Ev'ry knee will bow, a thousand tongues will sing,  
Holy is the Lord Jesus, our Messiah reigns.

You rescue the prisoner, for You,  
You are the saving One.  
You comfort the broken and the poor,  
for You are the Promised One.

You are Messiah, the world's true Lord.  
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## **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
in the light of His glory and grace.

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## **Bless the Lord, O My Soul**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me,  
Bless His holy name.

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