

WE EXIST TO... GROW IN CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST, LIVE FOR CHRIST

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING Hymns of Grace, 136

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "LOVE FOR GOD SHOWS ITSELF WHEN WE LOVE EACH OTHER" 1 JOHN 4:13–21

COMMUNION

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He arose again.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy and universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus
O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Verse 3

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore

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HOW GREAT (PSALM 145)

Verse 1

I'll bless Your name, O God, each day that I awake, From dawn to setting sun Your greatness I'll proclaim. Your glory far exceeds all human thought, So with each breath I'll bless Your name, O God.

Verse 2

Your name will be revered by children yet to come, As generations sing of wonders You have done. Your strong and mighty deeds are always near, O God Most High, Your name will be revered.

Chorus

How great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, How great is the Lord our God! How great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Verse 3

Your gracious hand provides
For all who live and breathe,
Your mercy runs to find the helpless and the weak.
When we call out to You, You hear our cries,
And all our needs Your gracious hand provides.

Chorus

Verse 4

Forever without end, creation will rejoice, When works of wicked men You finally destroy. Your power we'll proclaim till Christ descends, And You will reign forever without end.

Chorus

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BENEDICTION

May 8: Foundations class: we would love to have you join us for a study of

Philippians – morning class from 930–11 AM & evening class from

6-730 PM

May 10: Thrive, for students in 5th–12th

grade, meets at the home of Richard & Chrissy Burns in Nobleboro from 630–8 PM

May 12: We would love to have you join

us for our Fellowship Breakfast from 9–945- please bring a dish

to share

Read Ahead: Luke 11:14–26

General Info:

TVC Kids: We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are available for children in 5th – 8th grade. The backpacks located on the table in East Hall.

We also offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed by Pastor Phil prior to the sermon.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery that meets in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon.

We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Reed GGC meets Sunday evenings in Nobleboro. The Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
- 2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action)?
- 3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
- 4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

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