HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

August 25, 2024



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Our Vision: to be a Christ-centered community, worshiping in the Spirit, growing in discipleship, and sharing God's love.

The Church at Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 Steve Bolton

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,

People: O Lord of hosts!

Leader: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; **People: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home,

People: And the swallow a nest for herself,

Leader: Where she may lay her young at your altars, **People: O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**Leader: Happy are those who live in your house,

People: Ever singing your praise.

Leader: For a day in your courts is better

People: Than a thousand elsewhere.

Leader: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

People: Than live in the tents of wickedness. Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield:

People: He bestows favor and honor.

Leader: No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

People: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Invocation Steve Bolton

Hymn of Praise No. 639 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus WEBB

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

Children's Message Mike Bunch

Hymn of Faith No. 629Be Strong in the Lord

STRENGTH

Worship through Stewardship

* Offertory Prayer Anne Pokorny
Offertory For the Beauty of the Earth Barbara Rowley
Ethel Rogers

* Offertory Response

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.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Be present, Spirit of the Lord. Let sounds of earth be still, the Father's love be shed abroad, the dew of blessing on us poured, Oh, silent Spirit, come. Oh, silent Spirit, come.

In power unseen upon us rest, in power unseen upon us rest, Your gracious gifts impart. Every gift impart. A mind renewed, a Spirit blessed, a Spirit blessed. A life where Christ is manifest.

An understanding heart, an understanding heart.

Holy Spirit, fall on me. Melt me, mold me, flow through me. Oh, Holy Spirit, come, oh, come.

Sermon Loving People More Than... Rev. Benjamin Wines

Hymn of Commitment No. 241 Sweet, Sweet Spirit MANNA

Benediction Rev. Benjamin Wines

Postlude God Be with You Kathryn Bunch Jay Rouse

Deacons of the Week - Anne Pokorny & Lucy Woodell

Attendance last week - 75

If you would like to make a financial contribution to our church, please go to hvbc.org and scroll down to "Support HVBC".

Mission Opportunity

The Missions Team has a project to help support the community!

To continue our support of Parkwood Elementary school we are collecting gently used or new clothes for children sizes Kindergarten thru 5th grade for their clothes closet. If donating underwear or socks, please provide new. There is a box in the vestibule to place items for this project. **Deadline for this project is August 31.**

Thank you so much! The Mission Team

Church Family Meeting

Today after morning worship.

This will be our quarterly meeting, so committee chairpersons should be prepared to give a report for their committee. Also, there will be two items of business at this meeting:

- Deacon Elections
- Nominating Report Discussion & Vote

There are copies of the Nominating Report in the vestibule that you can pick up today.

Fall Bible Study

Linda Ward will be leading a weekly bible study based on the book *I AM Statements of Jesus* by David Jeremiah. It begins on Tuesday, September 17 and ends on November 12. The study will be available via Zoom and the cost of the book is \$9.00. Please let Robin in the office know if you plan on attending.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Families Moving Forward

Our next date is **Thursday**, **September 5**. Please let Anne Pokorny know how you can help.

HVBC Reads

August 29 at 12:30 pm Modern Disciples Classroom Please see Rhonda Welfare with any questions.

The Sermon Notes are on the next page.

Sermon Notes

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday

after Pentecost

"Loving People More Than..."

Ephesians 6:10-20

Emphasis on verses 10-12, 18

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Questions for Further Reflection:

This is the famous "armor of God" passage. It is sometimes preached in a very "us vs. them" way. How might the armor of God be used to draw people together? How might it be comforting to others?