

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

GATHERED ON JANUARY 26, 2025

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS Hymns of Grace, 129

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD" — LUKE 17:20-37

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.

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER Hymns of Grace, 196

DAY AFTER DAY JESUS REIGNS

Verse 1

In the morning, as I pray For the day that You have made, I have hope and I have peace, For Your presence is with me. So whatever comes my way, Lord, remind me of this grace. I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own.

Chorus

Jesus holds me safely in His hands. Ever close, He leads me in His plans. When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith. Day after day, Jesus reigns.

Verse 2 In the evening as I rest, I recall Your faithfulness. How You never left my side From the morning to the night. Now until the dawning sun, Be the light that leads me on. I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own.

Chorus Jesus holds me safely in His hands. Ever close, He leads me in His plans. When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith. Day after day, Jesus reigns.

Bridge

Always before me And always beside me, My Shepherd is always close. Morning to evening, Each day that I'm given, My Shepherd is always close. (Repeat)

Verse 3

For tomorrow, this I pray, Father, help me live Your way. Every breath and every word For the glory of the Lord. If the day should test my faith Or fill my heart with songs of praise, I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own.

Chorus

Jesus holds me safely in His hands. Ever close, He leads me in His plans. When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith. Day after day, Jesus reigns. Day after day, Jesus reigns.

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BENEDICTION

Jan 30: Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, meets at the home of Richard & Chrissy Burns in Nobleboro from 630–8 PM

- **Feb 2:** We would love to have you join us for our Fellowship Lunch following the morning worship service - please bring a dish to share
- Feb 19:Foundations class: we would
love to have you join us for a
10-week study of Jonah the
morning class meets from 930–
11 AM & evening class meets
from 6–730 PM

Read Ahead: Luke 18:1-8

General Info:

<u>TVC Kids</u>: 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 on the table in the East Hall for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are also available for children in 5th – 8th grade.

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, feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

<u>Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs):</u> 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. The Nicewonger GGC meets in the evening on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month in Warren.

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)?

Elders: Phil Nicewonger, Jeff Norton, Matt Norton & Grant Sorterup

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