



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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

**WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**ACROSS THE LANDS**  
Hymns of Grace, 198

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**SERMON: "JESUS' AUTHORITY OVER DISEASE  
AND DEATH" — LUKE 8:40–56**

**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.

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**IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL**  
Hymns of Grace, 407

**LIVING HOPE**

Verse 1  
How great the chasm that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 2  
Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus  
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.  
(Repeat)

Verse 3  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
(Repeat)

Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Chorus

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**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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**BENEDICTION**

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- TODAY:** Fellowship lunch following the morning worship service
- Feb 11:** Fellowship breakfast from 9–945 AM - please bring a dish to share
- Feb 16:** Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, meets at the home of Richard & Chrissy Burns in Nobleboro from 630–8 PM
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**Read Ahead:** Luke 9:1–17

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**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 will be handed out prior to the sermon.

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. 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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