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March 14, 2021

WORSHIP SONGS

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Crown Him
Goodness of God
Holy is the Lord
Lord I Need You
The Way

SCRIPTURE

James 4:13-17

MESSAGE

“The Enemies of Obedience”

Pastor Jon VanderWall

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 am - Worship

10:45 am - Coffee & Cookies

11:00 am - Bible Study (People of The Book)

6:00 pm - R-GEN



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are here!

NURSERY: Families with young children, please feel free to make use of the church nursery if you find yourself in need of a place to go during the worship service. We do plan to begin staffing the nursery starting on Sunday, March 14—stay tuned for more information!

SAVE THE DATE! The Alaska Mission Trip Auction will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021. More information coming soon!

ALASKA MISSION TRIP: Some of our senior high youth, our leaders and parents will be on their way to Alaska in a few short months. For those who would like to help them raise the needed funds, we have now enabled online giving through **Tithe.ly**. You may go directly to our church's account with Tithe.ly: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1306522 or download the Tithe.ly App to your mobile device. Select "Alaska Mission Trip" from the drop-down menu where it shows what fund to contribute to. If you have any questions about online giving for the mission trip, please see Robin Ballard, Cindy Kukor or Kathy in the church office.

WORSHIP TEAM HELP NEEDED! Please consider how you may be able to use your gifts and talents by joining our technical team. We are looking to train a couple people to learn the basics to start with and can really use one or two people to come on board. This would be great for a high school student also! No prior experience is needed. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

Christian obedience flows out of the identity that is given to us in Christ when we come to faith in Him. It is not, as we have discussed, done out of obligation or with the notion that we can earn or maintain our status before God. Obedience to Christ and His Word come as a grateful response to all that has been accomplished on our behalf through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. God invites us to see ourselves as He sees us, to live into the identity He graciously gives us, and to then become what He has declared us to be.

As we think about radical obedience to the Holy Spirit as one of the ways we will be driven to carry out our Vision of *boldly bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to every household in the greater Hopkins community*, we turn our attention to those things which inhibit obedience. Fear, control, doubt, and presumption all fall into this list to show themselves as the opposite of discernment, trust, and confident obedience. This morning we will look at several narratives in Scripture that illustrate the importance of ridding our lives of these enemies of obedience.

Questions to take home:

1. We read several narratives about people who struggled with obedience to God's direction. Which one of these narratives do you resonate with the most? How is God speaking into your life through it and what is He asking you to do?
2. Would you say that you are "fully dependent" on God? Why or why not? Is there anything in your life that you need to alter to move toward greater dependence on God?
3. Read Proverbs 3:4-5. This week, I encourage you to memorize these two verses. As you pray this week, ask God to help you live into them. When you find yourself struggling, quote it to yourself and ask God for wisdom on how to handle what you are experiencing.

PRAYER

WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

- **Dale Talsma** (Grandfather of Allison Halsted) has bladder cancer and dementia.
- **Ginger Talsma** (Aunt of Allison Halsted) has Addison's disease.
- **Allie Blaukamp** (friend of Mike and Kathy Athearn) has ALS.
- **Mitch Punches** continues to have challenges with pain management and difficulties as he journeys through physical therapy. Continue to lift him up in prayer for healing, patience and strength. Pray that the doctors will be able to adjust medications and give him the relief he needs so he can make progress with the therapy and rehabilitation.
- **Mike Stearns** will need another eye surgery. Continue to pray for him as he anticipates this.
- **Lauren Wolffis** (friend of Kristin VanderSyde) has Stage 4 breast cancer that has spread to her liver. Please continue to pray as she will face surgery (mastectomy) and then chemotherapy for at least 4 months.

FOR CONTINUED PRAYER:

- **Louise Allen** (Carol Boverhof's sister) as she awaits test results.
- **Ed Baron** (Cindy Hoffmaster's brother)
- **Rich and Luann Huizinga, Dave and Pat Lodenstein, Dave and Peggy Pompey-Simpson and their families** as they continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.
- **Pastor Mark Heijerman** continues to make good improvements and is requiring less oxygen support. Continued prayers for full healing for his lungs and a return for strength and endurance are appreciated!
- **Al Kornoelje** (brother-in-law to Scobey's) as they await test results.
- **June Krug**
- **Steve Marvin's dad** (dementia, on-going health issues)
- **Amanda Weber's uncle, John** as he undergoes radiation treatment.

We continue to also pray for many of those who are dealing with Covid-19, whether personally or in extended families at this moment.

Prayer updates may be given to Pastor Jon, Sandy Stearns or Kathy.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

MARCH 2021

FRONT DOOR GREETERS

MARCH 14: Mike and Terri Maule

MARCH 21: Roger and Mary Hunderman

MARCH 28: Bob and Pam Hennip

COFFEE & COOKIES

MARCH 14: Roger and Mary Hunderman

MARCH 21: Mike and Terri Maule

MARCH 28: Ed and Deanna Wamhoff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 AM	Worship Service
10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM	Bible Study (People of The Book)
6:00 PM	R-GEN Regular meeting

MONDAY

9:00 AM	Bible Study
6:00 PM	Elders' meeting
7:00 PM	Consistory Meeting

WEDNESDAY

3:30 PM	GEMS (7th and 8th grade)
6:00 PM	GEMS (2nd through 6th grade)
6:00 PM	Cadets

THURSDAY

5:30 PM	Praise Team practice
7:00 PM	Expectancy Bible Study