



WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF ONLINE CHURCH.

1. **Be Present.** Treat this time like you went to a house of worship, which is where you are! Try not to hold a side conversation, answer calls, or multi-task. Be with God and His people like always. After all, we believe in the communion of saints!
2. **Worship, don't just watch.** Sing when the leader sings, pray when the pastor prays, say "amen" or "hallelujah" out loud when you hear something that resonates with you.
3. **Interact with God and Each Other.** Feel free to make comments in the thread below the video, ask questions or give a word of praise, or ask for prayer. We will have an online host to help facilitate the comment threads.

WELCOME (My notes) - Pastor Jason
Words about Ash Wednesday and Lent.

Ash Wednesday begins the Christian season of Lent. We will spend the coming days journeying with Jesus toward the cross; toward the death that ultimately brings resurrection life. Many of us will spend these coming days practicing a new spiritual discipline or giving up something that seems to be getting in the way of the life we long to live. And tonight, we come together to mark the beginning of this Lenten journey.

We come together to acknowledge our sin, to acknowledge our mortality. We see a glimpse of the Christ who offers forgiveness, and everlasting life.

As part of tonight's worship, the imposition of ashes will be offered. This practice may not be familiar to everyone. Ashes have been used in Christian churches to mark the beginning of Lent since at least the 10th Century, and ashes are mentioned in scripture as a symbol of purification and repentance.

We offer the imposition of ashes tonight as a physical reminder of our mortality and sin; an assurance of God's forgiveness and salvation. After confession, those who wish to receive the imposition of ashes will be invited to come forward. For those who come, I will place the mark of ashes on your forehead. If you would prefer me to mark the back of your hand, simply hold your hand out to me.

Let us begin our time of worship by focusing our minds and hearts on God's presence with us. I invite you to relax into a comfortable position and close your eyes as you take a few deep breaths. Let us pray

PRAYER – Pastor Jason

WORSHIP SONG:

"Lead Me to The Cross"

Savior I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

*Everything I once held dear
I count it all as lost
Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees,*

*Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me
Lead me to the cross*

You were as I tempted and trialed HUMAN
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen
To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

IMPOSITION OF ASHES (My note) – Pastor Jason

P/E: “Consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ.”

WORSHIP SONG:

“Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!

SERMON –

“CHASING CARROTS: THE CROSS”

Pastor Jason Scheler

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (Matthew 16:15-20)

1. WHAT TAKES PETER FROM JESUS CALLING HIM THE ROCK TO SATAN?

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” (Matthew 16:21-23)

2. PETER IS OFFENDED AND CONFUSED BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE WAS FOLLOWING JESUS, BUT HE IS CHASING A CARROT.

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24)

3. PURSUING JESUS REQUIRES...

A. DENYING SELF.

B. PICKING UP YOUR CROSS.

4. PARADOX OF THE CROSS.

MEMORY VERSE

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 16:25)

5. JESUS GIVES US WARNINGS ABOUT CHASING CARROTS:

A. THERE IS A HIGH COST TO YOUR SOUL.

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26)

B. YOU WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

“For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” (Matthew 16:27)

BOTTOMLINE: WHAT ARE YOU CHASING; JESUS OR A CARROT?

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Hope on the Beach Church

3834 US Hwy 98 West

Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Drop off an offering on Monday between 10:00am and 2:00pm



NEXT STEPS:

Please fill out a Connection Card online by using this link:

<https://hopeonthebeach.breezechms.com/form/ConnectionCard>

Follow us on Facebook to find worship, prayers, and devotions all week long. Subscribe to our YouTube channel as well!

Samson Men’s Gathering, Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm

All men are invited to join each Tuesday in the Bistro at the 98 Campus for study and fellowship. You can join by Zoom as well. The Zoom Link can be found at hopeonthebeach.com/life-groups. At 7:00 pm, the men can go and enjoy dinner @ a local restaurant.

Youth Group, Wed., Feb. 17th after the Ash Wed. Service, 7:30—8:30 pm

We will be having a shorter youth group this evening with some games and a short devotion in the Children’s Church room. Come to the Ash Wednesday Dinner beforehand for food, fellowship and the Worship Service.

Women of Hope Dinner at Mezcal, Wednesday, February 24th @ 5:00 pm

All women are invited to a great night of fellowship at Mezcal in Miramar Beach. A \$5 Happy Hour Menu is available until 6:00 pm. If you have questions, please contact Donna Olsen at 404-754-8848.

Children’s Church Volunteers Needed

We are growing and would like more teachers and helpers in the Children's Church room. You will be given lessons in advance and the room will be prepped for you to teach and help. If you are interested in Children's Ministry, please reach out to bekah@hopeonthebeach.com.

Women of Hope Monthly Donation

During the month of February the Women of Hope are asking for donations of “Change for Change”. The money collected will provide relief for hurricanes and natural disasters to those in need in the Southern District.



For more information and details scan the code or go to our online calendar @ hopeonthebeach.com/events

LORD'S PRAYER – Pastor Jason

LORD'S SUPPER: Pastor Jason

BLESSING

P: May God Our Father, who provides the better way, who sent His Son to save us, empower us with the Holy Spirit to share Your love with others.

A: Amen.

WORSHIP SONG-

“What a Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is the Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is the Name of Jesus

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