

ONLINE SCRIPT – March 21, 2021



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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (98 Campus) Children are starting in Children's Church and will join us for the remainder of worship during announcements.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP SONGS: *"Open The Eyes/Come Now is the Time to Worship"*

*Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You*

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before God come
One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

"Goodness of God"

I love you Lord Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good*

*With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've know You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

*Your goodness is running after it's running after me
Your goodness is running after it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after it's running after me*

SERMON: "CHASING CARROTS: COMFORT"
Pastor Jason Scheler

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CHASING A COUNTERFEIT COMFORT ...

1. REVEALS SPIRITUAL EMPTINESS.

MEMORY VERSE

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is **not in him**. (1 John 2:15 NASB)

For Christ's love **compels** us ... ¹⁵that those who live should **no longer live for themselves** but for him who died for them and was raised again. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NIV)

2. ELIMINATES OUR NEED FOR FAITH.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6 NIV)

YOU CANNOT PURSUE COMFORT AND WALK BY FAITH.

EMBRACE THE AUTHENTIC

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and **the God of all comfort**, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵For just as we **share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ**, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5 NIV)

1. EMBRACE DIVINE DISCOMFORT.

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4 NASB)

Not only so, but we also **glory in our sufferings**, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, **because God's love has been poured out into our hearts** through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.
(Romans 5:3-5 NIV)

2. EMBRACE THIS IS NOT YOUR BEST LIFE.

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. ¹⁹For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. (Romans 8:18-19 NLT)

TRYING TO FULFILL AN ETERNAL LONGING WITH TEMPORARY COMFORT WILL LEAD TO AN EMPTY LIFE.

If you try to **hang on** to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. (Matthew 16:25 NLT)

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT)

GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME

1. Why do you think we tend to chase comfort?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. How does God's comfort differ from counterfeit comfort?
3. What steps can you take to embrace authentic comfort?
4. Think of someone you know who's in need of comfort and reach out to them this week.

PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING:

Give online at www.hopeonthebeach.com
Text to Give at (850) 990-4325
Schedule free bill pay through your local bank.

Mail your tithe/offering to:

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!

Worship Schedule Changes

Due to the amount of Spring Breakers causing a lack of parking, worship on the Beach at Seascape is moving to 5:00 pm starting this Sunday.

Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar has requested we end our worship at 10:15 am so they can be prepared for their growing demand. Starting next Sunday, we will be shifting to a soft start at 9:20 am. If all goes well, this will become our new time after Easter on April 11th.

Egg Drop Work Party, Monday, March 22nd @ 1:00 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of filling eggs. Thank you in advance for your help.

Easter Lilies

Honor a loved one and help make Easter beautiful by donating to the **Hope Easter Lily Fund**. Use the form included in the Bulletin and return it in the offering no later than March 28th. The suggested donation is \$15. Please indicate on your check/envelope "Easter Lilies".

Egg Drop Palooza, Saturday, March 27th, 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of free food, games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, crafts, face painting, jumbo slide and MORE at Driftwood Estates Park. This event is for the whole family and community. BYOB (bring your own basket) for the Easter egg hunt. This will be an EGGcellent time so make sure to HOP in and help out!

Holy Week Bulletin Work Party, Tuesday, March 30th @ 1:00 pm

Hope needs your help to assemble over 2,000 bulletins and write on shells for the Easter.

Game Night, Friday, April 16th @ 6:00 pm

Hope on the Beach Church is hosting Rachel and Shannon Harris for a night of fun, fellowship, and games! We will be playing Singo with some Pub Poll Bonus rounds at Hope's 98 Church Campus. Pizza will be provided and we ask you to bring a side or appetizer to share. Invite your friends to come with you!

Women of Hope Monthly Donation

During the month of March the Women of Hope are asking for donations for Egg Drop Palooza. We need wrapped hard candy to fit into (5,000) plastic eggs (no chocolate), ketchup, mustard, pickle relish, hot dogs, hot dog buns, and individual bags of chips.

Worship Leader

Bekah will finish her internship in May and plans to pursue a teaching position. We are seeking applicants to lead our worship ministry including tech and other ministry according to giftedness, preferably youth and children's ministry. A ministry description and application are available in the office.



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

LORD'S PRAYER

LORD'S SUPPER (98 Campus Only)

BLESSING (98 Campus Only)

WORSHIP SONG

"The Blessing"

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

Amen Amen Amen

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children

May His presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you He is with you

In the morning in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you He is for you

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