

ONLINE SCRIPT – August 22, 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 are in 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 comment in the thread below the video to ask questions, give a word of praise, or ask for prayer. We will have an online host to help facilitate the comment threads.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (98 Church Campus Only)

L: God has called us to be His people, with hearts to know Him. As we gather today, let us cast aside distractions that may lead us astray and focus wholly on the God who loves us and has called us to serve Him.

WORSHIP SONGS:

"Raise a Hallelujah"

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me
*I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive*

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

Sing a little louder (In the presence of my enemies)
Sing a little louder (Louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder (My weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder (Heaven comes to fight for me)

I'll raise a hallelujah

(Beach Only)

"Way Maker"

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

*(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are*

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

That is who You are
That is who You are
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That is who You are

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION (98 Church Campus Only)

All: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are like sheep, prone to wander away from you. Forgive us for when we have paid more attention to the distractions of the world than the truth of Your love. Have mercy on us and forgive us we pray.

L: Hear this Good News: God's heart for you is unwavering. He is abounding in grace, mercy, and love for His people. Just as a shepherd knows and cares for his sheep, so too does God care for and pursue His people. Through Christ, you are forgiven of all your sins and given new life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (98 Church Campus Only)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (98 Church Campus Only)

WORSHIP SONG (98 Church Campus Only)

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SERMON: "THE GOOD WORK: SHUT THE DOOR ON DISTRACTIONS"
Pastor Jason Scheler

IF YOUR ENEMY CAN'T DESTROY YOU, HE WILL DISTRACT YOU.

Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies found out that I had finished rebuilding the wall and that no gaps remained—though we had not yet set up the doors in the gates. ²So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono. (Nehemiah 6:1-2 NLT)

MEMORY VERSE

And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?" (Nehemiah 6:3 ESV)

⁴Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply. (Nehemiah 6:4 NLT)

WHAT WE CALL AN OPPORTUNITY, GOD OFTEN CALLS A DISTRACTION.

- 1. DON'T SAY "MAYBE" WHEN YOU MEAN "NO".**
- 2. IF YOU'RE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE, EVENTUALLY YOU'LL HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE TO ANYONE.**
- 3. JUST BECAUSE YOU COULD DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD.**
The fifth time, Sanballat's servant came with an open letter in his hand, ⁶and this is what it said: "There is a rumor among the surrounding nations, and Geshem tells me it is true, that you and the Jews are planning to rebel and that is why you are building the wall. According to his reports, you plan to be their king." (Nehemiah 6:5-6 NLT)
- 4. YOU WILL NEVER DO BIG THINGS IF YOU ARE DISTRACTED BY SMALL-MINDED PEOPLE!**
- 5. DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT YOU. WORRY ABOUT WHAT'S TRUE ABOUT YOU.**
I replied, "There is no truth in any part of your story. You are making up the whole thing." (Nehemiah 6:8 NLT)

They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work. So I continued the work with even greater determination. (Nehemiah 6:9 NLT)

- 6. THE TEMPTATION TO START LEADING WITH AN ENTITLED SPIRIT.**
Later I went to visit Shemaiah He said, "Let us meet together inside the Temple of God and bolt the doors shut. Your enemies are coming to kill you tonight." (Nehemiah 6:10 NLT)

But I replied, "Should someone in my position run from danger? Should someone in my position enter the Temple to save his life? No, I won't do it!" ¹²I realized that God had not spoken to him, but that he had uttered this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. ¹³They were hoping to intimidate me and make me sin. Then they would be able to accuse and discredit me. (Nehemiah 6:11-13 NLT)

Remember, O my God, all the evil things that Tobiah and Sanballat have done. And remember Noadiah the prophet and all the prophets like her who have tried to intimidate me. ¹⁵So on October 2 the wall was finished—just fifty-two days after we had begun. (Nehemiah 6:14-15 NLT)

When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God. (Nehemiah 6:16 NLT)

- 7. YOU WILL NEVER FINISH WHAT YOU DON'T START.**

GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME

1. Why are distractions so effective at derailing the good work we're doing?
2. As we approach the finish line of our good work, why is it important to remember that we're not aiming for what's popular—we're aiming for what's important?
3. What steps can you take to stay focused on the work God's given you to do?
4. Identify the distractions you face while doing good work and commit to avoiding those distractions in the future.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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!

Growth Track, Today, August 22nd and Sunday, August 29th @ 12:30 pm

Have you been looking for the opportunity to learn more about Hope on the Beach Church or to become a member? Growth Track provides you the opportunity to ask questions and learn more. It's not too late to join **TODAY**.

Children's Church Ministry Meeting Sunday, August, 29th @ 12:30 pm

We will be having a meeting for all our current and prospective volunteers after the 11:00 am worship. Join us for lunch and then a conversation about what we teach and why we teach it! Contact Anna if you plan to attend at anna@hopeonthebeach.com.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Children's Ministry currently needs teachers, helpers, and nursery workers, Children's Church and Nursery. Our goal is to have enough volunteers willing to serve that everyone would be scheduled for one Sunday per month. If you are interested in serving in this way, contact Anna at anna@hopeonthebeach.com.

Youth Group, Wednesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm at the 98 Campus

Join us for faith, fellowship, and food! Youth group is a great opportunity to explore the tough questions of faith and life in a judgement free place. Mark your Connection Card or contact Anna if you plan to attend.

Women of Hope Monthly Donation: Layettees for Ascension Hospital

For the month of August we are asking for blankets, onesies, sleepers, bibs, hats and socks (sizes preemie, newborn, and/or 0-3 months). These items can be new or gently used and will go to mothers in need. We also collect for Layettees year-round. Please drop off in the church lobby or at any service.

Life Groups:

It's time to begin Life Groups once again! Our fall semester will begin the week of September 19th. If you are interested in being a facilitator for a group, you are invited to an informational meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 30th. Contact Steve at steve@hopeonthebeach.com if you plan to attend.



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

BLESSING (98 Church Campus Only)

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. May He look upon you with favor and give you peace.

A: AMEN

WORSHIP SONG

“Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God yes I am*

Free at last

He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am

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