ONLINE SCRIPT - April 2, 2023



WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! FOR THOSE OF YOU WATCHING ONLINE, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVITE OTHERS TO HOST A WATCH PARTY OR INVITE OTHERS TO WORSHIP WITH YOU.

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

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Oh give thanks to the LORD,

A: for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 118:1 ESV)

L: Give thanks to the LORD;

A: call upon His name; make known His deeds among the nations. (1 Chronicles 16:8 ESV)

L: Give thanks to the LORD,

A: for He is good; His loving devotion endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations. (Psalm 100:5)

A: AMEN

WORSHIP SONGS

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide Where all the love I've ever found Comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
And there my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down
Here my hope is found here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide here You save my life
Here I bow down here I bow down

"O Praise The Name"

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me I see His wounds His hands His feet My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the name of the Lord our God O praise His name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white The blazing sun shall pierce the night And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

SERMON "RICHLY BLESSED CALLED TO GROW: FAITH OVER RELIGIOUS FEAR" Pastor Jason Scheler

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" (John 12:12-15 ESV)

When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. (John 12:9-11 ESV)

The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." (John 12:17-19 ESV)

THE FEAR OF LOSING MY RELIGION WILL...

1. DIMINISH THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE IN YOUR LIFE.

having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. (2 Timothy 3:5 ESV)

- 2. LEAD YOU TO SIN AND MORE SIN.
- 3. ROB YOU OF A SPIRIT-LED RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Nicodemus (John 3)

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. (John 12:16 ESV)

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved." (Matthew 9:17 NLT)

LET GO OF YOUR RELIGION AND COME BACK TO GOD

If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. ¹⁴Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our <u>old life</u>. ¹⁵He died for everyone so that those <u>who receive his new life</u> will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. (2 Corinthians 5:13-15)

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:18-21 ESV)

WHAT PART OF MY RELIGION DO I HAVE TO <u>LET GO</u> OF TO FOLLOW JESUS ON THE MISSION FIELD?

MEMORY VERSE

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? (Psalm 118:6 ESV)

GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME

- 1. What religious beliefs or behaviors do I hold on to before God?
- 2. Am I more fearful of man or God? Why?
- 3. How am I living as an Ambassador for God? (List them)

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

A: Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. 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 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

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!

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 TODAY. The suggested donation is \$15. Please indicate on your check/envelope "Easter Lilies".

Easter Volunteers Needed

Many volunteers are needed to help serve at one or more of our worship opportunities on Easter Sunday. We have had the privilege of sharing the Easter joy with many people over the years. For

those of you that haven't experienced an Easter at Hope on the Beach Church, we will plan to have over 1,500 at the beach venue and around 150 at Shunk Gulley. Please indicate on your Connection Card if you are willing to help provide food for the volunteers, greet/usher, hide shells, set-up, or clean-up at one of our venues.

Sort & Organize Layettes, Thursday, April 20th @ 1:30 pm at 98 Church Campus
You have shopped, donated and waited for this day. Come join in the fun as we get our donations ready for our workshop. Please notify Maggie Brady at (850) 225-7322 if you plan to be there.

Layette Workshop, Saturday, April 22nd @ 9:30 am at 98 Church Campus Come join in the fun as we assemble our Layette gift bags to be delivered to Ascension Sacred Heart Birthing Center. Please notify Maggie Brady at (850) 225-7322 if you plan to attend.

Connect to Your Church Luncheon, Sunday, April 23rd @ 12:30 pm at 98 Church Campus Join us for an opportunity to meet others and learn about the Hope on the Beach Church story. If you are new or interested in becoming a member this luncheon is for you. Please notify the office @ (850) 267-0322 if you plan to attend or have questions.

Wahoos Baseball Game, Friday, May 6th @ 5:00 pm in Pensacola

Hope has tickets for the Wahoo's Baseball game. Tickets are \$49 (includes a buffet in the stadium). Please reserve your tickets on the Connection Card. Payment for tickets should be separate from your offering. Contact Tim Donley for more information at donleyt@msn.com.



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

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.

LORD'S SUPPER (Beach & 98 Church Campus)

BLESSING

- 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

"Your Great Name"

The lost are saved find their way at the sound of Your great name All condemned, feel no shame at the sound of Your great name

Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great name

> Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us Son of God and Man You are high and lifted up That all the world will praise Your great name Your great name

All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great name
The fatherless they find their rest at the sound of Your great name
The sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name

Your great name Redeemer my healer Lord Almighty My Savior defender You are my King Redeemer my healer Lord Almighty My Savior, defender You are my King Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us Son of God and Man You are high and lifted up That all the world will praise Your great name Your great name

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