#### ONLINE SCRIPT - April 9, 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.

## **WELCOME**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ is risen!

A: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

## **WORSHIP SONGS**

#### "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

## "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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (98 Church Campus)

SERMON "DOUBTING GOD: DEALING WITH YOUR DOUBT"

Pastor Jason Scheler

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen." (Matthew 28:1-6a NLT)

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him—<u>but some of them doubted!</u> (Matthew 28:16-17 NLT)

# WHY DO YOU DOUBT? YOU HAVE...

- 1. QUESTIONS YOU CAN'T ANSWER.
- 2. SITUATIONS THAT SEEM UNFAIR.
- 3. HURTS YOU CAN'T RESOLVE.

## YOUR FAITH IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION.

# THE STRONGEST FAITH ISN'T A FAITH THAT NEVER DOUBTS. THE STRONGEST FAITH IS A FAITH THAT GROWS THROUGH YOUR DOUBTS.

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>They told him, "We have seen the Lord! (John 20:24-25a NLT)

They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But [Thomas] replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." (John 20:25 NLT)

# "Doubt is not always a sign that a man is wrong; it may be a sign that he is thinking." Oswald Chambers

So then [Jesus] told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead <sup>15</sup>... let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:14-16 NIV)

<u>Eight days later</u> the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" <sup>28</sup>"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. (John 20:26-28 NLT)

- 1. GOD IS NOT DISTANT IN YOUR DOUBTS.
- 2. FAITH IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF DOUBT.
- 3. FAITH IS THE MEANS TO <u>PUSH</u> THROUGH DOUBT.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me ... (Psalm 23:4 NKJV)

#### **GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME**

- 1. Read John 20:26-28. How might doubt be a catalyst for a deeper faith?
- 2. Share a time when you doubted your faith or had questions for God. How did you navigate that experience?
- 3. Is there currently something in your life or your faith that you are doubting? What is one way that you can push through the doubt?

## **CONFESSION** (98 Church Campus)

ALL: When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us. When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see, forgive us. When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us. Bring to mind the proclamation of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to believe!

## **ABSOLUTION**

- P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the + Son and the Holy Spirit.
- A: Amen.

**APOSTLES' CREED** (98 Church Campus)

## **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**

If you purchased an Easter Lily please take it home after today's service. Thank you for your contribution in making Hope beautiful for Jesus' resurrection.

# Youth Group, Wednesday, April 12th @ 6:00 pm at 98 Church Campus

All youth, 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to an evening of fun as we celebrate the start of the new year and pray a blessing over you. We will have dinner together, study God's Word, and play games. Sign up on the Connection Card or contact Kristie.

## 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 Lunch, Sun., April 23rd @ 12:30 pm at 98 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.

## Women of Hope Dinner, Thurs., April 27th @ 4:00 pm at Mimmo's on 30A

All are welcome to join us for our monthly dinner of fellowship and devotion in a private dining room. Fellowship will begin at 4:00 pm and we will begin ordering dinner at 4:45 pm. If you will be coming from work, please make sure to let us know so we can help you with your order if needed. Please mark your Connection Card if you plan to attend or contact Trena at (310) 408-4116.

Growth Track Membership, Sundays, April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm at 98 Church Campus Are you ready to make Hope your church home? You are invited to our next membership class at the 98 Church Campus. Lunch will be served after 11:00am worship as we gather for Part 1 on April 30<sup>th</sup> and Part 2 on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

# 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 (98 Church Campus)

## **BLESSING**

- P: May Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.
- A: AMEN

#### WORSHIP SONG:

#### "Graves Into Gardens"

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me Man's empty praise and treasures that fade Are never enough Then you came along and put me back together And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all
And you still call me friend
Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies You turn seas into highways

You're the only one who can You're the only one who can

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