



HANOVER VALLEY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 18,2021

Seeds, Soils, and the Sower
Pastor Drew Derreth

WELCOME TO HANOVER VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our purpose is to become an **authentic** community that knows **Christ** and makes His **grace** and **truth** known with such power and glory that lives are **transformed** by the **gospel**, multiplying worship and praise to God throughout **Hanover** and the world.

Welcome. We're glad that you're with us. We hope you'll find joyful worship that engages both your heart and mind, as well as genuine friendship and a caring atmosphere. Please take advantage of any of the opportunities offered here. If we can serve you in any way today, simply speak to one of the ushers.

Children are welcome to stay in the service, but if you prefer, quality childcare is provided throughout the service for children from infants to kindergarten aged. Please speak to one of our ushers for locations.

This bulletin will guide you through the service - just start on the next page and continue as the pastor leads. (Moments when you should stand are noted).

As a courtesy to you and those around you, we ask that you please mute cell phones during the worship time.

For your neighbor and yourself, please be kind. Keep your mask on your face and your spacing in mind.

REFLECTIONS

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and
offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ*

Jesus—the Jesus we might discover if we really looked, is larger, more disturbing, more urgent than we had ever imagined. We have successfully managed to hide behind other questions and to avoid the huge, world-shaking challenge of Jesus' central claim and achievement. It is we, the churches, who have been the real reductionists. We have reduced the kingdom of God to private piety; the victory of the cross to comfort for the conscience; Easter itself to a happy, escapist ending after a sad, dark tale. Piety, conscience, and ultimate happiness are important, but not nearly as important as Jesus himself."

N.T. Wright
-*Simply Jesus.*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 18th, 2021

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs

(Please Stand)

Here in This Place

Lay your burden down, every care you carry
And come to the table of grace, for there is mercy
We come just as we are, and we're all unworthy
To enter Your presence oh Lord, for You are holy.

Chorus: We lift our heart, we lift our hands,
We fall on our knees and pray
To the King of kings for the love You bring is here in this place
We raise our voices, raise our songs, we offer You our praise
You're the King of kings and the joy You bring is here,
You are here in this place.

Fill our lives with praise, show us Your forgiveness
And give us the faith to believe that You've redeemed us.
You are Lord of all and we give You glory.
All honor and power and praise, for You are worthy. **Chorus**

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Patient and loving Father, You have been faithful to us in all things, keeping your promises to those who belong to you throughout all generations. But we are not faithful to you. Each new day exposes new corruptions in our hearts that we failed to see before, and each day we add to the long list of our offenses against you. We fail to keep your commands and we violate your love by repeatedly disobeying you, even though we have drunk deeply from your fountain of mercy and grace. Forgive us. We struggle to be faithful friends, siblings, spouses, parents, and children. We have no merit before you. Let Jesus' merit stand for us. We do not deserve your love, but Jesus has bought your favor and affection for us. We are full of sin, but he is full of grace on our behalf. Thank you that you have chosen to look upon his goodness and pardon all our sin. Because of your love and grace shown to us in Jesus, help us to be steadfast in our love for Jesus and faithful in obedience to you. In his name we pray. Amen

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Announcements & Prayers of the People

Special Music

Scripture

Mark 4: 1-20 (Please see page 6 for printed scripture.)

Sermon

Seeds, Soils, and the Sower

Song of Reflection

Rescue

You are the source of life and I can't be left behind.
No one else will do. And I will take hold of You.

Chorus: Cause I need You Jesus to come to my rescue,
Oh where else can I go?
There's no other name by which I am saved,
Oh capture me with grace.
I will follow You. I will follow You.

My heart is Yours for life, I need your hand in mine.
No one else will do. I put my trust in You. **Chorus**

You are the source of life and I can't be left behind.
No one else will do. And I will take hold of You. **Chorus**

Benediction

Parting Song of Praise

Rescue (Reprise)

You are the source of life and I can't be left behind.
No one else will do. And I will take hold of You.

WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Jessi Adams - piano, vocals

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4: 1-20

1 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. 2 He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: 3 "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."

9 Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

10 When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. 11 He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables 12 so that,

"they may be ever seeing but never
perceiving,
and ever hearing but never
understanding;
otherwise they might turn and be
forgiven! "

13 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? 14 The farmer sows the word. 15 Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. 16 Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 18 Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. 20 Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop--thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

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COMMUNITY^R & CHURCH LIFE

Youth Group

The youth group has resumed meeting in person! Please contact Noah Trask if you are not currently on the email list and would like to be added. We will meet on **Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm**. Contact Noah Trask (717) 634-6284 for more details.

Parking on Sundays

We're glad you're here today! There is a map available on our website (www.hanovervalley.org), highlighting available local parking. There's plenty and it's all less than a block away. There is also a parking lot, especially for guests, next to our building outside the Railroad Street Entrance. All public, metered, on-street parking is free on Sundays.

Prayer Group

We are meeting on the **1st & 3rd Wednesday** of every month @ **7:00 pm** at the church following safe social distancing. We would love to have you join us! Please contact Gary Harrity for more information at (717) 630-2771.

Sunday Morning Childcare

We have resumed childcare for children up to the age of four during our 10:00am worship service. The nursery has recently been renovated to provide more space and will be cleaned thoroughly each week.

Offering

We appreciate your gifts! Please give, as you exit the service, in the designated baskets at each of the doors in the sanctuary.

Codorus Clean Up Service Project

We need your help! As we partner with Codorus State Park for Kids Fest, our local missions opportunity, they give us the space to meet and we provide volunteer time to prepare the park for summer. Please consider coming to help for **Saturday, April 24th between 8:00 am-3:00 pm**. Please call or text Noah Trask (717) 634-6284 if you can help or have questions.

COMMUNITY & CHURCH LIFE

Virus Response Update

Please visit our website hanovervalley.org to stay up to date on church cancellations and updates. We want you to stay connected with one another through various media for encouragement and prayer. Pastor Drew will be sending **weekly emails on Fridays** with the latest information. Please be sure to send your email address to office@hanovervalley.org if you wish to be included.

Live Stream & Bulletin Instructions

You can access the livestream from the front page of hanovervalley.org or through youtube.com/user/HanoverValley.

If you would like to view or download the bulletin, please visit hanovervalley.org and click on the link to the live stream on the front page of the website. Scroll half-way down the page and you will have the option to download the full bulletin or simply view the order of service below the live stream video. A link to this page will also be included in the information section below the live stream on youtube.

Live Stream and Public Worship

In addition to engaging the livestream from your own home, we also offer two more options available during this pandemic crisis:

1. Small groups are available to meet in homes to worship together. If this option suits your situation best we encourage you to contact one of the growth group leaders or the church office to see if a group gathering is occurring and how you might best be prepared to be a part.
2. The church building will be available for anyone to be present while the live stream is being produced. This option will involve wearing masks during the service and being careful to space ourselves to prevent infection.

Our desire is to do our best to love and care for each other and our community by looking out for each other's needs over our own, by providing safe and healthy locations for our neighbors and friends to explore the love of Christ.

PRAYERS

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Please pray for:

Sophia Moores (family friends of Nakielny's & Lynn's) has been struggling with various serious issues. that the medical personnel have been working to get under control. Please continue to lift up the doctors and nurses who care for her; for wisdom, compassion, and direction. It has been an extremely hard time on her family, please pray for peace, comfort, and rest for them.

Covid 19: Thank God! Vaccines are being distributed. Recently cases and deaths have decreased. Continue to ask that we navigate this with wisdom, respect, and love. Pray for healing of those who have Covid.

Financial Giving Report 2021	Actual	Budget
January - March Income	\$69,288.94	\$71,952.53
January - March Expense	\$66,136.10	\$70,027.38
January - March Totals	\$3,152.84	\$1,925.15

We need our connections during this time that we are not all gathering together. We want to share your concerns and praises. If you have something to include here please contact Lynn Kirkpatrick;
call or text 717-451-3028 or email lakirkpatrick58@gmail.com
Nothing is included here without express permission.

GROWTH GROUPS



No one can thrive with just a Sunday morning connection. We all need a place to develop genuine friendships, ask honest questions, and discover the applications of the Gospel to real life. Growth Groups are where that happens most authentically. They are the primary place for pastoral care. They are open groups led by trained lay leaders designed for the curious, the skeptic, the struggling, the experienced, the new and the old - people all along their spiritual journey. They are the very lifeblood of the church.

Contact the pastor or one of these Growth Group leaders to discuss getting involved. Every group is always open to all.



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AT 6:30 PM



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1ST & 3RD THURS.
AT 6:30 PM



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SATURDAYS 9:30AM
BREAKFAST



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4TH SUN AT 12:00PM

In addition to these Growth Groups, we also offer a number of investigative Bible studies at Gettysburg College.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

If you're a guest, please let us know you were with us today by completing the form below. We'll add you to our mailing list so you can receive church information and updates. You can also use the space below to share any questions, ideas or prayer concerns you may have.

NAME:

DATE:

SPOUSE & CHILDREN:

MAILING ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

I AM A: FIRST-TIME GUEST RETURN GUEST

OUT OF TOWN GUEST REGULAR ATTENDEE

TELL ME MORE ABOUT: GROWTH GROUPS

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