



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

March 20, 2025



THIS WEEK

THE HUMILITY OF EMPTINESS

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The Humility of Emptiness

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Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:1-8 (NASB 1995)

Last week we unpacked the opening section of Philippians 2. Paul encouraged the church to be humble, selfless, and unified in Spirit and purpose. In other words, in Matthew 18:20 Jesus promised, "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

In other words, when we unify around the name of Jesus, (that is, His majesty and mission) we experience His presence. The presence of Jesus brings not just the proximity of Jesus, but the power of the Holy Spirit to lead, direct, and strengthen the Church.

Lent should be a time when we, as disciples, unify around the name of Jesus (majesty and mission). If you have experienced life for many years in church, then you have probably witnessed an emphasis on becoming Christ-like. As you grow in your faith (sanctification), the goal of this journey is to become more like Jesus. Ephesians 5:2 says, "Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children..."

How are you to be Christ-like? Everyone has a different idea of what this means! Be bold, be a leader, be a prayer warrior, confront injustice, operate in the gifts of the Spirit, evangelize, teach, guide, serve, and many others. These all can be Christ-like qualities. In Philippians 2, Paul says something must undergird all the above characteristics to become Christ-like.

The Philippians 2 text points to humility. Jesus, "although He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself..." If you honestly desire to be like Jesus, humble yourself. Practice emptying yourself like the Lord.

During Lent, I challenge you to practice emptiness. Not just the emptiness of your stomach with fasting! Fasting symbolizes emptying our hearts and minds of our agenda, our gain, our pride, and our desire for vengeance. Build your hunger for Jesus. Empty yourself of everything that separates you from God, and you will be filled beyond measure. Amen.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes, Psalm 22:1-31

"At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which is translated, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?' (Mark 15:34)." Jesus pleaded with His Father as he hung on the cross. These words aren't just spoken vainly in a vacuum. Jesus was pointing back to Psalm 22. This Psalm of David was not only a prophecy of the Messiah giving His life, but it appears David was Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes on the cross! Join us as we move to the season of Lent, preparing our hearts for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Look to the cross from a different perspective. Gain a new appreciation of Jesus' sacrifice. Discover how Psalm 22 can impact your faith!



March 9 – Psalm 22:1-5

- **Forsaken by the Father**

March 16 – Psalm 22:6-13

- **Despised by the World**

March 23 – Psalm 22:14-21

- **Man of Sorrows**

March 30 – Psalm 22:22-27

- **Praising Through the Pain**

April 6 – Psalm 22:28-31, A

- **Prophecy for Posterity**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

One Hope Church is planning its first Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn following the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 20. Please join the Connectional Events Team as we connect with the surrounding community by inviting them to our Easter Celebrations. We will pass out fliers on Sunday, April 13 in two shifts from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Meadowbrook Park, 9101 Nall Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas.



Additionally, 550 pieces of candy are needed to fill the eggs. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it to the church by Sunday, April 6. Suggested candy: fun-sized Skittles, M&Ms, Starbursts, Milky Way and 3 Musketeers. No nuts, please.

Sign-up sheets for park volunteers and candy donations are on the table in the Narthex March 23 and 30.

Thank you for helping to make this event special for the children!

Connectional Events Team
 Sheryl Atherton, Lisa & Randall Schober, Earl Smith

WORSHIP SONGS

[The Old Rugged Cross](#)

[Lord I Need You](#)

[Jesus Paid It All](#)



03/23 VOLUNTEERS

Clean Up

Earl S.

Fellowship - Treats

Earl S.

Prayer Group

Earl & Sue S.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Randall S.

Tech - Audio

Dave P.

Tech - Video

Michelle G.

PRAYER CONCERNS

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
~ Philipians 4:6*

Prayers for:

Caroline E., recovering after back surgery

Pam F., dealing with health challenges

Larry, recovery after eyelid surgery to remove a cancerous tumor

Jennifer, cancer, and Charles & Marie, her parents, who are caring for her, friends of David P.

Linda S., second battle with cancer, David P's sister

Sara J's mother, Parkinsons & dementia, David's friend

Becky S., stomach cancer, Sue S. sister-in-law

Ruby, in Hospice care, Sheryl A.'s mom

One Hope Church, to find its own affordable and spacious worship location

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Global Methodist Church Heartland
Annual Conference 5/28-5/31/2025

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan



Access the sign up for [Sunday Volunteers!](#)

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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