

# THEHAVEN



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*Then they were glad that the waters were quiet  
and He brought them to their desired haven.  
Psalm 107:30*

**The Lord's Day**  
**Fourth Sunday of Christ's Post-Resurrection Ministry**  
**April 26, 2020**  
**A Service for Family Worship**

## Yet Another Unusual Lord's Day

+ **Our "Present Distress"**: The apostle Paul uses this phrase in I Corinthians 7:26 to speak of circumstances at certain times and places which disrupt the usual order of things. Wartime, for example, disrupts marriages, family life, the economy, and society as a whole. Currently, with the "present distress" of the coronavirus, we are in a time of such disruption. In order to contain the spread of this highly infectious virus, those in authority over us have asked that - for the time being - all unnecessary travel be suspended, and also that there be no gatherings of more than ten. This has, of course, led to the closing of most churches and the curtailing of public worship, at least for a time. We are currently not permitted to use our usual meeting place, Ascension Lutheran Church in Deer Park, NY.

Many churches are now using live streaming or recorded video to have "virtual worship services", in which homebound people can access the service and follow along through an electronic device. The Haven, OPC's elders in training, Jimmy Brewer and John Vaeth, and I discussed this option. However, until the "present distress" is over we have chosen to provide something that will help heads of households lead a family worship service on the Lord's Day. We opted for this for two reasons:

1. "Family Worship" is part of our doctrinal commitment. Our Confession of Faith affirms that "God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and in truth, as in private, **families** (emphasis mine), daily, in secret, each one by himself, so, more solemnly in the public assemblies" (WCF 21:6) This "present distress" gives us an opportunity to practice family worship - something that is both very foreign to our culture and challenging in a day of multiple time commitments and distractions. It's a good time to learn something that should be part of every family's healthy Christian life - whether or not we are in a time of "present distress."

2. This gives an opportunity to invite others to join you (honoring sanitary standards, of course) in your home for what can become a useful evangelistic opportunity.

You should have your family worship with access to an electronic device so that you can use the links to the hymn. In that way you will be able to sing along with another group, albeit a recorded one. You'll also need your electronic device to access the Lord's Day sermon through [sermonaudio.com](http://sermonaudio.com). It's especially important that pastors keep up their ministries to the flock in this day of fear, anxiety, and uncertainty. We need to be reminded that there is no uncertainty in our God - and he IS in control!

So, heads of households - whether you are single or have family members - may the following special bulletin for this "present distress" help you and your household worship the Lord acceptably and joyfully on this upcoming Lord's Day Sabbath.

Yours in our ever faithful Savior,  
Pastor Bill

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**A Service for Family Worship**  
**The Lord's Day — April 26, 2020**  
**Preparation for Worship: Psalm 47:1-9**

**A New Hymn to Learn as You Prepare for Worship: "His Mercy is More" (p. 4)**

**Sing along and learn:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijsjA5Yf8XA&list=PLMmmAAH50BNilbY2yyxI9pIglc-9SO5xN&index=7&t=0s&app=desktop>

**THE LORD OUR GOD CALLS US**

**The Promise of God's Presence:**

*Leader:* Where two or three are gathered together, in Christ's name, he promises that he is there among them. (*Matthew 18:20*). That promise is fulfilled by the Spirit of the risen Jesus Christ, who is with us now!

***People: Amen!***

**Call to Worship: From Psalm 98**

***Leader:* Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**

***People:* His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him!**

*Leader:* The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations!

***People:* He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

*Leader:* All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

***People:* Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth!**

*Leader:* Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.!

***All:* With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

**Opening Hymn:** "*New Songs of Celebration Render*"

(turn to next page)

Sing along and be blessed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ye8dP8OGMBA>

*(Begin singing after 1 min, 15 second introduction)*

## *New Songs of Celebration Render*

### **Verse 1**

New songs of celebration render  
To Him who has great wonders done  
Love sits enthroned in ageless splendour  
Come and adore the Mighty One  
He has made known His great salvation  
Which all His friends with joy confess  
He has revealed to every nation  
His everlasting righteousness

### **Verse 2**

Joyfully heartily resounding  
Let every instrument and voice  
Peal out the praise of grace abounding  
Calling the whole world to rejoice  
Trumpets and organs set in motion  
Such sounds as make the heavens ring  
All things that live in earth and ocean  
Make music for Your mighty King

### **Verse 3**

Rivers and seas and torrents roaring  
Honour the Lord with wild acclaim  
Mountains and stones look up adoring  
And find a voice to praise His name  
Righteous commanding ever-glorious  
Praises be His that never cease  
Just is our God whose truth victorious  
Establishes the world in peace

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ye8dP8OGMBA> (Singing begins after 1 min, 15 sec. introduction)

**Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord!**

**People: Who made heaven and earth!**

**†Opening Prayer** (Leader may use his own words, or the following):

*Now, our God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Meet with us according to your promise. Bless the reading, singing, preaching, and praying of your Word to the end that we might know Jesus Christ, in whom is eternal life and true blessedness. We ask in His wonderful name.*

**All: Amen!**

### **THE LORD OUR GOD CLEANSSES US**

**Call to Confession of Sin:** “Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God... (Joel 2:12,13a)

**Corporate Confession** (which may be preceded by a time of private confession):

*Lord our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: We confess our own sins. We have not loved you above all other loves. We have feasted far more than we have fasted. We have laughed far more than we have wept. We have rejoiced far more than we have mourned. We have been far more external in our religion than we have cultivated religion of the heart. Break us, O Lord, that you might heal us. Humble us that you might exalt us. Turn our hearts to you so that you might turn your heart to us. Make this time of present distress to be a time of true revival for us, for our families, for your churches, for our nation, and for the nations. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, who deserves nothing less than our all - all of the time, and in every way. Amen.*

**The Promise of Forgiveness of Sins in Christ:** “(For the Lord) is slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him...” (Joel 2:13b, 14)

**People: Amen - Let it be so! Thanks be to God!**

**Our Response of Praise:** “His Mercy is More” (Turn to next page)

Sing along and be blessed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijsjA5Yf8XA&list=PLMmmAAH50BNilbY2yyxJ9pIglc-9SO5xN&index=7&t=0s&app=desktop>

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# His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
    Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
    Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

**Praise the Lord!**

**His mercy is more.**

**Stronger than darkness; new every morn;  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;  
    What Father, so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes, the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
    Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

**[REFRAIN]**

    What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
    Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

**[REFRAIN]**

## **THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US**

### **Old Covenant Reading 1: Job 5:1-7**

1. "Call now; is there anyone who will answer you? To which of the holy ones will you turn? 2 Surely vexation kills the fool, and jealousy slays the simple. 3. I have seen the fool taking root, but suddenly I cursed his dwelling. 4 His children are far from safety; they are crushed in the gate, and there is no one to deliver them. 5 The hungry eat his harvest, and he takes it even out of thorns, and the thirsty pant after his wealth. 6 For affliction does not come from the dust, nor does trouble sprout from the ground, 7 but man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.

### **Old Covenant Reading 2: Isaiah 53:1-3**

1. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

### **New Covenant Reading: II Corinthians 4:16-18**

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**Leader:** *The grass withers, and the flowers fade away; but the word of our  
God will stand forever!*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

### **†Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

**†We Prepare Our Hearts for the Word of God Preached:**

**Hymn of Praise:** *"Speak, O Lord"* (Turn to next page)

**Sing Along:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubRIj8xkds>

# Speak O Lord

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## VERSE

F/A G/B C<sup>2</sup>

F

C

F

C



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You \_\_\_ to re - ceive the food \_\_\_ of Your  
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, \_\_\_ ho - ly rev - er - ence, \_\_\_ true hu -  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; \_\_\_ Help us grasp the heights \_\_\_ of Your

4 Am

G/B

F/A G/B C<sup>2</sup>

F

C



ho - ly word. \_\_\_ Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; \_\_\_ Shape and  
-mil - i - ty. \_\_\_ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes \_\_\_ in the  
plans for us. \_\_\_ Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, \_\_\_ that will

7

F

C/E

F

G

C

C/E

G

G/F

C/E



fash - ion us \_\_\_ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance \_\_\_ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
e - cho down \_\_\_ through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

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G<sup>sus</sup>/F G<sup>9</sup>/F

C<sup>2</sup>/E

G

G/F C/E

Am

G<sup>sus</sup> G

F/A

G/B

C<sup>2</sup>



seen \_\_\_ to - day \_\_\_ in our acts of love and our deeds of \_\_\_ faith. \_\_\_ Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
eyes \_\_\_ to see \_\_\_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. \_\_\_ Words of pow'r that can  
prom - is - es; \_\_\_ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with \_\_\_ us. \_\_\_ Speak, O Lord, till Your

14

F

C

F

C/E

F

G<sup>sus</sup>

G

C



-fill in us \_\_\_ all Your pur - pos - es, \_\_\_ for Your glo - ry.  
nev - er fail; \_\_\_ Let their truth pre - vail \_\_\_ o - ver un - be - lief.  
church is built \_\_\_ and the earth is filled \_\_\_ with Your glo - ry.

**For the following parts of worship:**

[sermonaudio.com/sermon/424202217557558](http://sermonaudio.com/sermon/424202217557558)

*Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation*

**People: Amen!**

**Sermon: “Hard & Happy Truths for Hard & Unhappy Times” #2**

*Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God Preached and Pastoral Prayer  
(followed by the Lord’s Prayer in unison)*

*Our Father which art in heaven:*

*Hallowed be thy Name.*

*Thy kingdom come.*

*Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.*

*Amen*

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**Closing Hymn: “O Father, You are Sovereign” (Turn to Next Page)**

Sing Along: [https://www.thehavenli.com/df\\_media/W1siZiIsIjIwMjAvMDQvMjQvMTMvNDYvMDgvZmE4YTc1OTYtN2IxZC00NDZILTg3OWMtNTg1NW M3ZDhhNzZkL08gRmF0aGVyIFlvdSBhcmUgU292ZXJlaWduLndhdiJdXQ/O%20Father%20You%20are%20Sovereign.wav?sha=571c2e00b1f9d82c](https://www.thehavenli.com/df_media/W1siZiIsIjIwMjAvMDQvMjQvMTMvNDYvMDgvZmE4YTc1OTYtN2IxZC00NDZILTg3OWMtNTg1NW M3ZDhhNzZkL08gRmF0aGVyIFlvdSBhcmUgU292ZXJlaWduLndhdiJdXQ/O%20Father%20You%20are%20Sovereign.wav?sha=571c2e00b1f9d82c) (Welcome to Mary’s Gallery)

**The Lord Our God Commissions Us**

*Leader: Prayer of Benediction:*

*May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ  
equip us with everything good that we may do his will,  
working in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be glory forever and ever!.*

**People: Amen!**

***Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus’ Name***

## O Father, You Are Sovereign

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;  
 2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;  
 3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,  
 4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken, and light and life o - beyed.  
 no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.  
 trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.  
 but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - 'ry knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,  
 All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,  
 All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,  
 With this glad hope be - fore us, our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.  
 you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.  
 your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.  
 our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

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 Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

## *Announcements*

✦ **Haven Hope Givers:** That's our ministry of reaching out by cards and notes to inmates who have learned about (and pray for) The Haven, OPC. Send a message of Gospel hope to: Mr. Darren Emanuel, #03A2176, Fishkill Correctional Facility, POB 1245, Beacon, NY 12508 & Mr. Arthur F. Tomlinson #12B1623, Eastern New York Correctional Facility, PO Box 338, Napanoch, NY 12458. **You can now e mail them: Go to <https://www.jpays.com/> to learn more and to sign up.**

**Also:** Send cards and notes of encouragement to Grace Slezak: 373 W. 21st St., Deer Park, NY 11729, and also to Barbara Brewer, 66 East 2nd St., Deer Park, NY 11729 Encourage them with God's promises as they go through cancer treatments and related surgery.

✦ **Haven Open Forum: Today at 4:30 p.m.** Join us. and invite others to this new Haven outreach.

**Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89896483305>**

**Call in at 4:25 p.m. so that we can all be "present" for the meeting at 4:30.**

It's helpful if you e mail your question to Pastor Bill in advance: [WShishko@gmail.com](mailto:WShishko@gmail.com)

Or you can text your questions to him at the special Pastor Bill Text Free number: (516) 367-0391

✦ **Sing!** Our monthly "choir practice" is at the home of John & Mary Vaeth (46 Monell Ave., Islip). God willing, our next *Sing!* meeting will be Tuesday, May 7. from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

✦ **Prayer Meeting: This Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84774216263>**

**Call in at 7:25 p.m. so that we can all be "present" for the meeting at 7:30.**

Be sure to have your weekly "Present Distress" Prayer List that comes out on Saturday evenings.

We'll hear any updates and spend the first part of our time in prayer.

Darren Emanuel will be joining us by phone at 8:15 p.m. Get to know our new Havenite!

✦ **Presbytery Church Picnic: Saturday, June 27. More details to come. Mark your calendars!**

✦ **Banks:** Remember to put your spare change into your special "Worldwide Outreach" banks. In November we'll apply these gifts to our annual Thank Offering gift.

*You can continue to give your tithes and offerings even when we're not able to meet during this "present distress". Send them to: Kathy Toto, 34 Spinnaker Ln., Patchogue, NY 11772*

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