

THEHAVEN



A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

**Meeting (temporarily) at
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Bohemia,
906 Church St., Bohemia, NY 11716
www.thehavenli.com**

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

Psalm 107:30

**The Lord's Day
June 21, 2020
A Service of Covenant Renewal
1:00 p.m.**

Welcome

✦ **A warm welcome to all:** For twelve weeks we were unable to meet publicly for worship as a result of the home-sheltering that accompanied our state's response to COVID-19. What a joy our past two reunion Sunday worship services were! While we remain unable to meet at our usual facility, Ascension Lutheran Church in Deer Park (and we have no idea how long it will be before we can resume meeting there), we are so thankful that the session and Board of Deacons of our mother church, the OPC in Bohemia, is letting us use their facility so that we can gather - and gather at an earlier hour. We will be meeting at the Bohemia facility at 1 p.m. for the foreseeable future. When Pastor Bill is absent we will meet for worship with the OPC in Bohemia at 11:00 a.m. A full schedule of our services through Sunday September 6 was e mailed to you last week, and we have printed copies available today., We are made to gather together as God's people and, finally, that blessed aspect of the life of the people of God is once again a reality. Praise the Lord!

✦ **Today's Sunday Schedule:**

1:00 p.m. Reunion Worship/Outreach

2:30 p.m. Quick Haven News & Updates. Then enjoy the rest of the Lord's Day honoring the fathers in your life. We'll resume Haven Food and Fellowship next week.

✦ **Social Distancing, Personal Hygiene, and Sanitation:** Be sure to honor social distancing guidelines and always use reasonable precautions to protect those around you from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19 or any other infectious disease.

✦ The concept of "**covenant renewal**" is beautifully introduced in our Directory for Public Worship: *"The triune God assembles his covenant people for public worship in order to manifest and renew their covenant bond with him and one another. The Holy Spirit engages them and draws them into the Father's presence as a living sacrifice in Christ. God himself has fellowship with them, strengthening and guiding them for life in his presence and service in his kingdom."*

✦ **We celebrate the Lord's Supper** every Sunday as the climax of our covenant renewal worship. If you are visiting with us, we invite to the Table those who have received Christian baptism, have publicly professed faith in Jesus Christ, and are members in good standing of a church in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully taught and practiced. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us you are publicly acknowledging that you are seeking to walk in godliness before the Lord. If you have any questions about whether you should partake of the Supper, please speak to the pastor either before or after the service.

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✦ **The Haven, OPC** is a home mission work of the Presbytery of Connecticut and Southern New York, Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC). For more information on the Orthodox Presbyterian Church: www.opc.org For more information about this church, visit our website: www.thehavenli.com

Worship/Outreach
The Lord's Day — Sunday, June 21, 2020
Worship 1:00 p.m.
Preparation for Worship: Psalm 56:1-13

PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH & RECEPTION OF NEW CHURCH MEMBER

THE LORD OUR GOD CALLS US

Salutation:

Pastor: Congregation of the People of God: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Amen!

†Call to Worship: *From Revelation 5:6-10 (The scene is in heaven. This is what the apostle John saw when he was "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day", Rev. 1:10)*

Pastor: And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

People: And (the Lamb) went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

Pastor: And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense - which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying:

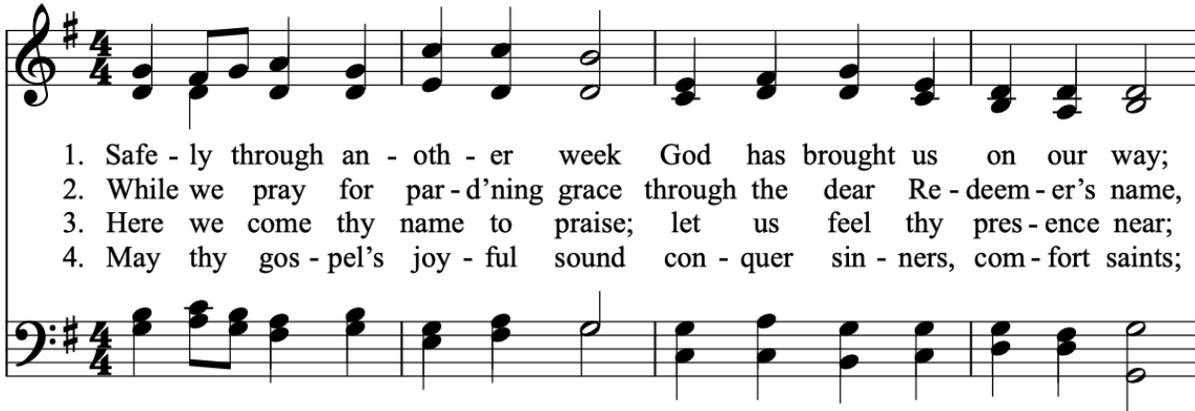
All: Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

† **Opening Hymn:** *"Safely Through Another Week"* (#154, TPH)

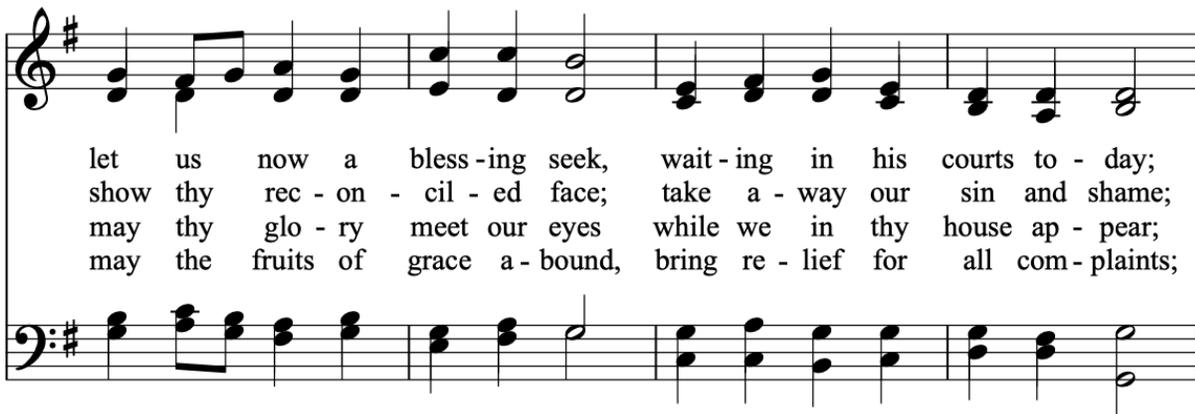
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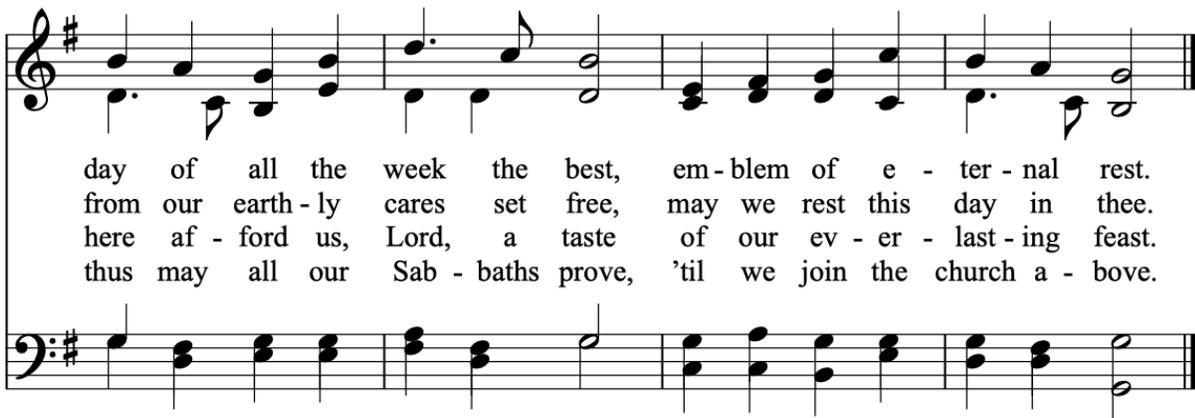
Safely Through Another Week



1. Safe - ly through an - oth - er week God has brought us on our way;
2. While we pray for par - d'ning grace through the dear Re - deem - er's name,
3. Here we come thy name to praise; let us feel thy pres - ence near;
4. May thy gos - pel's joy - ful sound con - quer sin - ners, com - fort saints;



let us now a bless - ing seek, wait - ing in his courts to - day;
show thy rec - on - cil - ed face; take a - way our sin and shame;
may thy glo - ry meet our eyes while we in thy house ap - pear;
may the fruits of grace a - bound, bring re - lief for all com - plaints;



day of all the week the best, em - blem of e - ter - nal rest.
from our earth - ly cares set free, may we rest this day in thee.
here af - ford us, Lord, a taste of our ev - er - last - ing feast.
thus may all our Sab - baths prove, 'til we join the church a - bove.

John Newton, 1774

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
Conrad Kocher, 1838
arr. William H. Monk, 1861

†Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth!

†Opening Prayer

People: Amen!

THE LORD OUR GOD CLEANSSES US

Meditation on The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 6:12

“And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors”

Confession of Sin - Begin with personal confession before God.

Corporate Confession: *Our forgiving God: Forgive us for treating forgiveness so lightly. Remind us that the cost of our having the guilt and punishment of our sins taken away was the price of the Son of God - the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And forgive us when we lessen the meaning of forgiveness by substituting apologies, feeling sorry, and saying to “forget it.”. Keep before us, gracious God, the fact that you don’t forget sin - you cover it and conquer it by the blood of Jesus Christ. Father, for the sake of your Son, freely pardon all of our sins; and encourage us that we are truly forgiven as we are enabled, from the heart, to truly forgive others. Amen.*

†The Promises of God in Jesus Christ: Psalm 130:1-8

People: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

†Our Response of Praise: *“Your Law, O God, is Our Delight” (TPH, #175, Based on Psalm 119*

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Your Law, O God, Is Our Delight

1. Your law, O God, is our de - light; your stat - utes
 2. Your law, O God, re - veals our sin, how foul and
 3. Lord, we have failed your law's de - mands with im - pure
 4. Our sins were placed up - on his head; he suf - fered
 5. We show our thank - ful - ness and love by keep - ing

faith - ful, true and right. It guides our feet and
 stained are we with - in. O cleanse us from in -
 • hearts and un - clean hands. But One has kept them
 an - guish in our stead. Now his o - be - dience
 pre - cepts from a - bove; so teach us, Lord, your

shines as light, that we may walk with you a - right.
 iq - ui - ty and train our hearts from sin to flee.
 • per - fect - ly— our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, is he.
 is our own; our righ - teous - ness is Christ a - lone.
 stat - utes well; in - cline our hearts on them to dwell.

6. Have mercy on your wayward sheep; from us the devil safely keep.
 Cause us to walk upon your way,
 and sanctify us more each day.
7. Your law, O God, is our delight;
 your statutes faithful, true and right.
 Confirm your word within our hearts
 that we may not from you depart.

based on Psalm 119
 Derrick and Debbie Vander Meulen, 2015

GERMANY L.M.
 William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1875

THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 78:1-4

1 GIVE EAR, O MY PEOPLE, TO MY TEACHING; INCLINE YOUR EARS TO THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH 2 I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN A PARABLE; I WILL UTTER DARK SAYINGS FROM OF OLD, 3 THINGS THAT WE HAVE HEARD AND KNOWN, THAT OUR FATHERS HAVE TOLD US. 4 WE WILL NOT HIDE THEM FROM THEIR CHILDREN, BUT TELL TO THE COMING GENERATION THE GLORIOUS DEEDS OF THE LORD, AND HIS MIGHT, AND THE WONDERS THAT HE HAS DONE.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: MARK 4:1-12

AGAIN HE BEGAN TO TEACH BESIDE THE SEA. AND A VERY LARGE CROWD GATHERED ABOUT HIM, SO THAT HE GOT INTO A BOAT AND SAT IN IT ON THE SEA, AND THE WHOLE CROWD WAS BESIDE THE SEA ON THE LAND. 2 AND HE WAS TEACHING THEM MANY THINGS IN PARABLES, AND IN HIS TEACHING HE SAID TO THEM: 3 "LISTEN! BEHOLD, A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW. 4 AND AS HE SOWED, SOME SEED FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND DEVoured IT. 5 OTHER SEED FELL ON ROCKY GROUND, WHERE IT DID NOT HAVE MUCH SOIL, AND IMMEDIATELY IT SPRANG UP, SINCE IT HAD NO DEPTH OF SOIL. 6 AND WHEN THE SUN ROSE, IT WAS SCORCHED, AND SINCE IT HAD NO ROOT, IT WITHERED AWAY. 7 OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THORNS, AND THE THORNS GREW UP AND CHOKED IT, AND IT YIELDED NO GRAIN. 8 AND OTHER SEEDS FELL INTO GOOD SOIL AND PRODUCED GRAIN, GROWING UP AND INCREASING AND YIELDING THIRTYFOLD AND SIXTYFOLD AND A HUNDREDFOLD." 9 AND HE SAID, "HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR."

10 AND WHEN HE WAS ALONE, THOSE AROUND HIM WITH THE TWELVE ASKED HIM ABOUT THE PARABLES. 11 AND HE SAID TO THEM, "TO YOU HAS BEEN GIVEN THE SECRET OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT FOR THOSE OUTSIDE EVERYTHING IS IN PARABLES, 12 SO THAT " "THEY MAY INDEED SEE BUT NOT PERCEIVE, AND MAY INDEED HEAR BUT NOT UNDERSTAND, LEST THEY SHOULD TURN AND BE FORGIVEN.' "

*Pastor: 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 Heidelberg Catechism - Second Section, *Deliverance*

Lord Day 26

69. How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly with his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.

69.Q. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ's blood poured out for me in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.

69.Q. Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism where he says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.

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

Hymn of Petition: *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"* (turn to next page)

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Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation
People: Amen!

Sermon: "Parables: Get the Point!"

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God Preached
People: Amen!

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

†Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer with hands raised)

All: 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!

The Lord Our God Communes With Us

Meditation. Lord's Supper Celebration

(Heads of households, please come forward to receive the elements for your household. Enjoy communion with one another while the elements are being distributed.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

People: Amen!

Closing Hymn: "Praise God for Joy of Sabbath Blest" (TPH, #155 - Truro tune)

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(We're using the tune of "Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns", TPH, #411)

The Lord Our God Commissions Us

†[Hands Raised] *Pastor:* Benediction

People: Amen!

Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus' Name!

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Praise God for Joy of Sabbath Blest

1. Praise God for joy of Sab - bath blest; we from our
 2. We praise the Lord of Sab - a - oth, his full pro -
 3. This day of wor - ship we re - jice. We heed the
 4. Lord, tend, through us, the need - y still; to feed, to

toil have tak - en rest. On won - drous man - na
 vi - sion for the lost. He found us dead in
 Word of Si - nai's voice. Through means of grace one
 clothe, to love the ill, be - friend the ones who

we have fed, in acts of mer - cy Spir - it led.
 depths of spite, then raised us up in glo - rious light.
 day in sev'n, by faith, re - ceive true hope from heav'n.
 are a - lone, and bid the strang - er "Wel - come home."

5. Keep us, we pray, this week from sin;
 renew our minds, transform within.
 Let holy thoughts our minds recall,
 in sleep our dreams with peace enthrall.

6. Pay homage now to Christ the King,
 the Father, Spirit, rise to hymn.
 Lift up your hearts on this Lord's Day;
 go forth to honor and obey!

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.**

✦ **Pastor Bill & Margaret** will be on vacation from tomorrow, June 22, through Monday, June 29. For pastoral matters in Pastor Bill's absence contact either Jimmy Brewer, (516) 250-8953 or John Vaeth (631) 561-7392.

✦ **Sing!** We look forward to resuming our monthly "choir practice" is at the home of John & Mary Vaeth (46 Monell Ave., Islip) usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next *Sing!* meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7. from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. For these meetings we continue to learn new Psalms and Hymns from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*, and God-centered contemporary hymns.

✦ **Zoom Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** This is now a weekly part of our Haven life. After a few minutes to mention updates and new prayer requests, we spend the remaining time in prayer. We also periodically have guests for whom we have been praying. Plan to join us!

Haven Midweek Zoom Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2614159951> or dial (646) 558 8656
Meeting ID: 261 415 9951

✦ **Haven Food and Fellowship Resumes Next Week:** For the present, it's best to bring pre-packaged items to share when we have our weekly time of food and fellowship after worship and our Haven updates. Provide food for your own family and things that you can share with others that do not involve health risks.

✦ **Today's Sermon** will be available by Monday evening on sermonaudio.com at "The Haven, OPC" site (Search *The Haven, OPC*) Also available from our own website www.thehavenli.com

✦ **Support Helen Bagnato:** Helen is plans to return to Thailand later this year to serve as a missionary teaching English and bringing the Gospel to that very needy land. For more information: <https://give.bethanyinternational.org/fundraiser/2757051> On Sunday, July 26 you'll hear more about Helen's mission work in Thailand. Remember that the mission of the Church is Gospel mission to the world!

✦ **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.

✦ **Giving to The Haven:** Help us make up for the 2 1/2 months when we were unable to meet. **Last week's tithes and offerings: \$1,651. (Budget: \$1,750. per week) Deacon's Fund: \$20.**

Sunday, July 5: Next Deacon's Fund Offering: For The Haven's ministry of mercy.
Until we receive our NYS Religious Corp. status: Checks payable to *Haven, OPC, LLC*

The Haven Heart to Heart

Pastor Bill answers your questions about the Bible, Bible Doctrine and the Haven OPC and its ministry.

Q. "I liked the bulletins you sent out that we could use for "family worship". I wasn't familiar with the idea of family worship. Can you explain it to me a little more?"

Pastor Bill Responds:

I'm thankful that the bulletins we used during the "present distress" when we were not permitted to meet for corporate worship were a blessing to you. I regarded those weeks as a good time to implant the concept of "family worship" into those being ministered to by The Haven, OPC

The concept of "family worship" rises from the truth that the household is the basic unit of the Christian Church. Abraham and the male members of his household were to be circumcised (the Old Testament equivalent of baptism), Gen. 17:1ff, indicating that the whole family was part of God's covenant dealings with His people. Through Abraham's line of families (which would include Christ Himself as the promised "seed/offspring" of Abraham, Gal. 3:16) all the families of the earth would be blessed, Gen. 12:3. But that blessing isn't automatic. Abraham was to "command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to pass what he has promised him." While this is a call to what we speak of as "Christian education" or "family nurture", it should always be done in a context of worship, including praise, thanks, confession of sin, prayer, and reminders of the promises of God. That's the essence of all worship.

Later in the history of God's people there are hints that the primary worship unit of the people of God is the family:

- Exodus 12:3: The whole congregation of Israel was to take a lamb per household for sacrifice.
- In Deuteronomy 6:4-9, the call to worship and to hear the word of God (as we are called to worship and to hear the word of God) begins with families in which the word of God is not only believed but also taught to the children - the same format we follow in corporate worship.
- Joshua's affirmation in Josh. 24:15: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord", refers, in the first place, to worship as the heart of all service. (Which is why we speak of a "worship service.")
- In Psalm 87:2 when the Lord says that "He loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob", he affirms family worship even though his great delight is when all the families of His people are gathered for worship.
- In Acts 10:33, the God-fearing Cornelius instinctively gathers his whole family together to hear the word of God.
- The New Testament, in many places, speaks of household units as mini-churches, e.g. Rom. 16:3-5a, I Cor. 16:19, Col. 4:15, Philemon 2. And, of course, worship is the heart of church life.

So "family worship" in the household as the basic unit of the church is (or should be) the driving force of "corporate worship" in the church gathered corporately.

But what does "family worship" look like; and how do you do it in your home? We'll look at that in the next *Haven Heart to Heart*.

My Notes on Today's Sermon:

"Parables: Get the Point!"

(Mark 4:1-12)