



“Grieving with Hope”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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All Are Welcome!

*“Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD,
and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;
that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.”*

Psalm 78:1-7

+ Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRELUDE

Our Hope is in the Lord

Anthony Giamanco

GREETING

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Are you ready to worship?

People: We believe that we are.

Leader: Put away all those cares and worries that keep you from hearing God’s word.

People: The cares and worries of the world have been put aside that we may be truly ready.

Leader: The Lord comes to you this day.

**People: Thanks be to God for God’s abiding presence and promise.
AMEN.**

+OPENING PRAYER

Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you, and give us a stubborn hope in which we carry on. AMEN.

HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

Hymnal #723

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TIME OF PRAISE & PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Blessed Hope

Dave Foley

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we return a portion of all the gifts you have given to us in remembrance and in gratitude for these blessings. Use these gifts to support ministries of healing and hope, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Grieving with Hope"

Pastor Shauna

HYMN

Hymn of Promise

Hymnal #707

+BENEDICTION

God has called and chosen you to be witnesses to hope and peace in God's world. Go in peace and this same healing, reconciling love and peace will be with you. Go and serve the Lord your God in all that you do. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

The Unclouded Day

C.E. Walz

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

PASTOR

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS

MUSIC

Lawrence Rappoldt

DOOR GREETER

Hannah Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TEMP TAKER

Rosemary Moore

LITURGIST

Cheryl Faust

ATTENDANCE

Irene Farra

TECH TEAM

Josh Dwyer

USHER 1

Wayne Barrows

Terry Moore

USHER 2

Chuck Moore

Jamie Ridge

FLOATER

Hannah Smith

*Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Loretta Hanks
by the Kramer and Hanks families.*