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GOD'S PROMISES BRING
HOPE

SEPTEMBER 13TH | 9:30 AM
SANCTUARY

Welcome to worship at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church! For three weeks starting September 13, our series "God's Promises Bring Hope" will explore how God meets people in uncertain circumstances with covenant, calling, and faithful presence.

From Noah to Abraham to Joseph, we will discover that Christian hope is more than wishful thinking: it is trust in the God who remains faithful, calls us forward, and stays with us wherever the journey leads.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**please stand if able*

Prelude *Praeludium in C by Johann Sebastian Bach*

Welcome

Church Alive

***Call to Worship**

One: In a world marked by uncertainty, God speaks a word of promise, covenant, and hope.

All: God remains faithful from generation to generation.

One: God calls us forward into a future we cannot yet see.

All: We place our trust and hope in the God who goes with us.

One: God invites us not only to receive hope, but to become signs of hope for others.

All: With gratitude and trust, come let us worship the God of promise, presence and hope!

***Hymn 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Prayer of Adoration**

Anthem *It is Well with My Soul*

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well. All shall be well. It is well, it is well with my soul!*

*He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought:
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well. All shall be well. It is well, it is well! All shall be well!*

*Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. It is well!*

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After losing his young son, his fortune in the Chicago fire, and later his four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, Heratio Spafford traveled across the Atlantic to join his grieving wife. As his ship passed over the place where his daughters had died, he wrote the words that have comforted generations:

*"When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul."*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you have bound yourself to creation in covenant love, yet we confess that we often live as though everything depends upon us. We contribute to division and violence rather than seeking peace. We receive your grace but hesitate to

share your hope with others. We remain on the sidelines when you call us to participate in your work. Forgive us, merciful God. Remind us that your promises endure, and you have not abandoned this world. By your Spirit, give us courage to trust you, to follow where you lead, and to use our lives for the healing and blessing of your creation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response Hymn 475

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Hymn 765

May the God of Hope Go With Us

Time with Young Disciples

Prayers of God's People & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on 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 evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Question for Contemplation

Where is God inviting you not only to receive hope, but to become a sign of hope for someone else?

Scripture

Genesis 9:8–17 (NIV)

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

¹⁷So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Next week's passage: Genesis 12:1–9

Sermon

A Promise for All Creation
Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett

***Doxology**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Offertory *Great is Thy Faithfulness
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness! Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)*

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Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Benediction**

Postlude

In Thee is Gladness
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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For pastoral and congregational care needs email care@lakegrovepres.org, or leave a message in the Pastors' voicemail box at 503-210-6062.

Let's connect! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for *Beanediction*, our coffee and fellowship ministry, after each service.

LGPCPrays

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. It is a vital connection to God where we can hear from, listen to, and respond to the Lord. Here are some ways you can pray this week...

MissionPartners

Local: Care and Share - Please pray to sustain this longtime food ministry. Your time and financial support are essential. The need is great right now due to volatile economic times! More people than you think are struggling with grocery bills.

Global: World Vision - Lift prayers up for relief efforts in Venezuela and now Columbia where earthquake victims get basic supplies through partnership with over 2,000 churches there, fostering healing and resilience in the name of Christ.

If you would like to receive or be included on the weekly churchwide prayer chain, please email: prayer@lakegrovepres.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 20 | 10:30 AM | Sanctuary



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MUSIC MISSION REPORT

SEPTEMBER 20 | 10:45-11:45AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL



MARRIAGE RESET

reconnecting
in the busyness
of life



MARRIAGE SEMINAR WITH SOVANN PENN
SEPTEMBER 26 | 10AM-1PM
CHILDCARE & FOOD PROVIDED

REGISTER



275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la es - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.