

Lighthouse Worship

Finding Hope in Hard Times

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- **Opening Prayer**

Take a few moments to quiet your heart before the Lord. Welcome Him into your presence. Ask that He speak and move through this time of worship today. Pray for sensitive spiritual hearing and hearts filled with praise.

- **Worship Through Song**

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King (Thomas Miller): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRVNZPyMOcM>

- **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the LORD has planted for his own glory.

Luke 4:16-21 When [Jesus] came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come." He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

- **Responsive Worship**

1. What has Jesus come to do?
2. Which of these works of Jesus most encourages you today, and why?
3. How do these passages inspire you to mission?

- **Worship Through Song**

God With Us (Mercy Me): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrajzjddeWA>

- **Lighthouse Message: Finding Hope in Hard Times**

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelFrg>

- **Discussion**

1. Why are we tempted to doubt our eternal security in Jesus Christ? How does our understanding of God's grace play into it?
2. What are the things that can stand in the way of our prayers being effective? In what way(s) is each a roadblock?
3. God's power in us is strong. How can we live in the power of the Spirit to both minister and overcome sin on a regular basis?

- **Communion** (Please have the communion elements ready.)

Read Mark 14:22-25. Take a few moments and prepare your hearts for communion. After you have done so, have one person read:

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

All partake of the bread together

Then read:

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people-- an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it." For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

All partake of the cup together.

Speak a prayer of thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus' life on the cross for us.

- **Prayer**

Pray for one another and the needs of our church, community, nation, and world.

- **Worship Through Song**

We Believe (Newsboys): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLpS70QYdXM>

- **Benediction**

Hebrews 10:19-23 And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

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