



BOOK OF REVELATION

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SERMON SERIES



Huntingdon Valley
Presbyterian Church

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September 8, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Portuguese worship service
10:20 a.m. – Sunday school for all ages
11:15 a.m. – English worship service

We are glad you have joined us today!

We offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please pick up a gift bag from the Welcome Table in the hallway. If you are looking for a church home or would like to meet with the pastor or have a prayer request, please fill out the connection card in your pew or in the welcome bag and place it on the collection plate. Take advantage of our weekly Christian Education offerings! At 10:20 a.m. we have a Sunday school class for every age.

- **Toddlers: Ages 2-5** – During Sunday School, meets in the Nursery in the foyer.
Teachers: Sonia and Pamella Sousa
- **Early Elementary: Kindergarten to Grade 2** – Upstairs, Room #304.
Teachers: Crystal Goretti, Laura Haines, and Elaine Ticker.
- **Upper Elementary: Grades 3-5** – Upstairs, Room #305.
Teachers: Deb Jack and Naomi Trask.
- **Middle School: grades 6-8** – Upstairs, Room #307.
Teachers: Rosie Bruce, Eva Morrison, Rebekah Bramer, and Sarah Pannacker.
- **High School: Grades 9-12 (and beyond)** – Downstairs of the Ungerman Barn.
Teachers: Charles Foster and Matt Schaper.
- **Adult Sunday School:** We have adult Sunday school classes in both English and Portuguese. English class meets in the Lounge, Room #209; Portuguese class meets in the Boyer Fellowship Hall, Room #201.
- **We also provide nursery care during both services** (birth to age 3). When the nursery is not being used by young children, we will continue to have the service streamed into the room. Please feel free to use it as a family room for children up to age 5 if staying in the service is not a possibility. There will be a nursery worker with your child at all times.



Please mute your phone.
THANK YOU!

ORDER FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

* = *The congregation is invited to stand.*

♪ Prelude	<i>How Deep the Father's Love for Us</i>	Praise Band
Words of Welcome		Eva Morrison
Stewardship Update		Jordan Goretti
*Unison Call to Worship	<i>Psalms 144:1-10, 15 (ESV)</i>	Eva Morrison

- ¹ Blessed be the LORD, my rock,
who trains my hands for war,
and my fingers for battle;
² he is my steadfast love and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield and he in whom I take refuge,
who subdues peoples under me.
- ³ O LORD, what is man that you regard him,
or the son of man that you think of him?
⁴ Man is like a breath;
his days are like a passing shadow.
- ⁵ Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down!
Touch the mountains so that they smoke!
⁶ Flash forth the lightning and scatter them;
send out your arrows and rout them!
⁷ Stretch out your hand from on high;
rescue me and deliver me from the many waters,
from the hand of foreigners,
⁸ whose mouths speak lies
and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- ⁹ I will sing a new song to you, O God;
upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,
¹⁰ who gives victory to kings,
who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword.
- ¹⁵ Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall!
Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

Prayer of Invocation

Jon Haines

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM, by earth and heav'n confessed:
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

He by Himself hath sworn, I on His oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend;
I shall behold His face, I shall His pow'r adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace forevermore.

The God who reigns on high, the great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "Almighty King!"
Who was and is the same, and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM, we worship Thee.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine, and endless praise. A-men.

I count on one thing
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now
You won't fail me now
In the waiting
The same God who's never late
Is working all things out
You're working all things out

Yes I will lift You high
In the lowest valley
Yes I will bless Your name
Yes I will sing for joy
When my heart is heavy
All my days yes I will

I choose to praise
To glorify glorify
The name of all names
That nothing can stand against

For all my days
Yes I will

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Move-up Ceremony Deb Jack

Passing of the Peace All

Response All
"There's a Quiet Understanding" (Hymn #204)

There's a quiet understanding,
When we're gathered in the Spirit
It's a promise that He gives us,
When we gather in His name.

And we know when we're together,
Sharing love and understanding,
That our brothers and our sisters,
Feel the oneness that He brings.

There's a love we feel in Jesus,
There's a manna that He feeds us,
It's a promise that He gives us,
When we gather in His name.

Thank You, thank You, thank You Jesus,
For the way You love and feed us,
For the many ways You lead us,
Thank You, thank You, Lord.

Offering

Choral Anthem *Not to Us* Choir

Doxology *Doxology (Hymn #572) & Prayer* Bruno Sousa

***♪ Glorious Day**

All

I was buried beneath my shame
 Who could carry that kind of weight
 It was my tomb 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive
 All my failures I tried to hide
 It was my tomb 'til I met You

('Cause when) You called my
 name (and)
 I ran out of that grave
 Out of the darkness into Your
 glorious day
 You called my name (and) I ran
 out of that grave
 Out of the darkness into Your
 glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
 Now Your freedom is all that I know
 The old made new Jesus when I met
 You

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
 But chains break at the weight of Your
 glory
 I needed shelter I was an orphan
 Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
 When I was broken You were my
 healing
 Now Your love is the air that I'm
 breathing
 I have a future my eyes are open

CCLI Song # 7005972 "Glorious Day"

Words and Music by Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith, Kristian Stanfill, and Sean Curran CCLI License #1545647

***♪ Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus (Hymn #546)**

All

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace;
 In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
 When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory.

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will overspread the sky;
 But when trav'ling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh.

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;
 Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay.

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;
 Soon the pearly gates will open, we shall tread the streets of gold.

*** Benediction**

Bruno Sousa

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25 (ESV)

17 "For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

20 No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

24 Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

Second Reading: Revelation 21 (ESV)

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶ The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷ He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. ¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Small Groups

- **Anchored Bible Study** – Next meeting is September 13. Contact Deb Jack (jackfam5@comcast.net; 215-260-4564).
- **Circle of Hope** – Next meeting is September 9. The group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month and will be discussing the Chosen. Any questions call Judy Scott (jtscott2022@comcast.net; 215-500-2747).
- **Miriam Circle** – Next meeting is September 12. This women's Bible study small group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the church in the Lounge Room #209. For more information, contact Pat Sarajian (sarajian@comcat.com; 215-485-0184).
- **Daughters of the King** – Next meeting is September 9. This combination Zoom and in-person group meets the first three Mondays of the month. Contact Charlene Crawford (godlydiva@aol.com; 267-279-9858).
- **Presbyterian Stogie Society** – Next meeting is September 9. This cigar-friendly men's group meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Ungerman Barn. Contact Jordan Goretti (creelowns@gmail.com; 610-554-0259).
- **Valley Youth Group** – Next meeting is September 20. Contact the church office (office@hvpc.org; 215-947-5500).
- **Women's Bible Study** – Next meeting is September 18. The group meets every other week. Childcare is available. Contact Naomi Trask (trasknaomi001@gmail.com; 215-630-6186).
- **Connections-Discipleship Group Study** – Next meeting is September 22. Contact Cynthia Cornish (cynthiagranticornish@yahoo.com; 484-640-9856).

This Week of 9/8 @ HVPC

Move-up Sunday	Today	9:00 a.m.	Contact Deb Jack
Fellowship Presbyterian Church	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Contact Bruno Sousa
Circle of Hope	Monday	10:30 a.m.	Contact Judy Scott
Stogie Society	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jordan Goretti
Daughters of the King	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Charlene Crawford
Missions Committee Meeting	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Online Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Staff Meeting	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Church Office
Miriam Circle	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Contact Pat Sarajian
Choir Practice	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Contact Susan Clark
Praise Band Practice	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Contact Jon Haines
Anchored Bible Study	Friday	10:00 a.m.	Contact Deb Jack
Friday Evening Online Prayer Meeting	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Contact Shari Hofstetter
Women's Tea Party	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Contact Charlene Crawford

Contact the church office for information (office@HVPC.org; 215-947-5500).

Food Bank Collection

Bring the food! For September, please consider donating cake mix, pancake mix, pie filling, as well as other non-perishable foods. Personal care items are helpful, i.e., toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, diapers, baby food and baby wipes, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Goretti; acheeg85@gmail.com, 201-213-2758.

Online prayer meetings: Shari Hofstetter hosts prayer meetings on Google Meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and prayer for Missions each Friday at 5:00 p.m. For info, contact Shari Hofstetter chaplainshari94@gmail.com. Use the link meet.google.com/bqw-vgnh-wnx for Wednesday, meet.google.com/kex-umjj-czk for Thursday, and meet.google.com/cfg-xnje-axt for Friday.

Greeters: This important ministry is seeking volunteers, whether you have or have not volunteered before. The sign-up page is <http://bit.ly/HVPCgreeting>. You may also contact Joyce Codispoti directly at 215-478-3299, jjcods@verizon.net.

Jesus Focus Ministries Food Pantry needs help giving food out. This is the food bank where we send our food donations. If you are interested, please contact Matt from JFM at 215-953-2000. A criminal background check and child abuse check will need to be run, so the lead time will be several weeks. After which, you will be cleared to help.

Ethel Johnson is currently located at Wesley Enhanced Living Room 235. The address is 200 Veterans Lane, Doylestown, PA 18901. Her number is 267-927-8311.

The Women's Tea and Coffee is this Saturday! Charlene Crawford is hosting in the Lounge a party for the women in the church. Bring your favorite teacup or mug and a dessert to share with your sisters in Christ! Flyers are on the literature table.

Prayer Requests & Praises

NOTE: If you have a prayer request to be added, updated, or removed please contact the Church Office (office@HVPC.org; 215-947-5500).

- **Clayton, David** – David has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Please pray for his health and that his walk with Christ would be strengthened.
- **Clover, Joan** – Pray for Joan; she fell and broke her hip while in Cape May Courthouse, NJ. She is in good spirits and is located at Accelerate Willow Grove, 3485 Davisville Rd, Hatboro, PA 19040, Room 132. Her phone number is 570-396-0095. Pray for her also as she continues to struggle with nerve pain.
- **Foster, Chelsea** – Please pray for Sarah Gammage as she is battling triple negative cancer. Lift up also her husband, Anthony, the pastor of New Life Dresher and their two children.
- **Hofstetter, Shari** – Please praise God with us! My brother Billy is cancer-free and praising God for His grace and mercy. Continue to pray that he remains that way and that my cousin Bobby will do well on his reduced chemo regimen, that he would become cancer free as well, that he would know Jesus as his savior. Thank you all.
- **Johnson, Ethyl** – Lift up Ethyl Johnson in your prayers as she has been recovering from a stroke. She is recovering and doing quite well. Her address and phone number are listed on the previous page of the bulletin. Visitors and phone calls would be most appreciated.
- **Lucas, Flávia** – Please keep Flávia in prayer. Her son, Gabriel Dias, died suddenly. He leaves his wife and daughters and mother Flávia. Please pray for Flávia and the family in their time of bereavement.
- **Morrison, Eva** - Please keep Ulla in your prayers. She is recovering from surgery and faces recovery from cancer. Her husband, Wieland, has Alzheimer's and is unable to care for her. May her family and friends continue to provide companionship and comfort.
- **Marron, Gail** – Remember Gail Marron in your prayers as she suffers with lower back pain.
- **Rozarto, Liz** – Liz, the Bookkeeper here at HVPC, fell and broke both sides of her ankle and her foot. She underwent surgery and is recovering at home. Please pray for her that the LORD bring healing.
- **Sarajian, Pat** – Pray for Pat and Jay as she recovers at home. Pray for Jay as he cares for his dear wife.
- **Scaffidi, Barb** – Barb's Mom was diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for her health and that her walk with Christ be strengthened.
- **Trask, Naomi** – Lift Naomi up in your prayers. Her breast cancer has returned. Her PET Scan results showed that the cancer has not metastasized. She underwent surgery and is recovering. Pray for her, Rebekah, and Annie Laurie in this time of affliction. Pray that the Great Physician brings healing. Also, Anna, her daughter-in-law's cousin's five-year-old has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Our Mission Statement

For God's glory, and by His power, we are a fellowship of sinners who worship God, study God's word, love all people, and share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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