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Winter has passed, Spring has come!

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Commissioning:

- Barry Elliot – Associate Pastor of Community Outreach and Connection
- Rob Pearson – Associate Pastor of Worship and Spiritual Development

Communion:

Song of Songs 2:10-13 NIV

¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me, “***Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me.***

¹¹ ***See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.***

¹² ***Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,*** the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.”

John 4:31-38 NIV

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” ³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” ³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ***‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*** ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

Luke 4:18-19 NIV

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Narnia - In Like A Lion (Always Winter) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXAY9txPLYk>

Faith to Believe and Receive what is promised

- God’s promises are true and He is faithful. If we don’t realize the fulfillment of His promises to us while we are here in our early bodies, it guarantees a greater reward for us in heaven!
 - **1 Peter 4:9 NIV** ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because ***to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.***
 - **Hebrews 6:10 NIV** ¹⁰ God is not unjust; ***he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him*** as you have helped his people and continue to help them.
 - **Mark 10:29-31 NIV** ²⁹ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ ***will fail to receive a hundred times as much*** in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Sight to understand the current situation

- March 20 was the first day of spring
- Assessing the reality of the situation – we just had an ice storm!

- What is the reality in our lives...? No one wants to hang around someone who is fake
 - **1 John 1:8-10 NIV**⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar **and his word is not in us.**
- My situation could be... I messed up royally and did something selfish...that I have cancer, that my children are rebelling, my father resents me, my spouse has abandoned me, I might be financially broke, and evil people could be plotting are against me.... AND YET MY GOD WILL PROVIDE. HE WILL SUSTAIN AND KEEP ME IN HIS ARMS.... MY HOPE AND MY FUTURE IS NOT BASED IN MY CURRENT REALITY IT IS COMPLETELY BASED IN HIM!

Trust to know that He will provide and sustain, so I can live out my calling

- Farming example – not by current experience or by feelings...
- Faith is springing into action **based on truth**, not circumstance.

I am born again by the blood of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. I am a Sanctified Servant, A Blessed heir, a Powerful warrior, a Child of Promise, a Victor, an Overcomer, A peace Giver, a Peace Bringer and a Peace Receiver. I am full of Hope, strengthened by His Truth, and Prepared for every circumstance. I have a Beginning, I have a Purpose, I have a Promise and I have a Destiny. There is Fire in my bones, Resolve in my heart, a Spring in my step and Focus in my efforts. I own a Victors crown, I have a Mansion in glory, my Family and relatives are beyond number. I have a Position and a Title! I will not let my current circumstances or my past experiences steer me off my call, because nothing can separate me from the love of God. I will join together with God's people as a minister of reconciliation. I will proclaim the Goodness of God in the land of the living. I will receive every promise that God has made to me. I will take my stand, plant my feet, resist the devil and he will flee from me! The world around me may not see it yet, but the winter has past and the spring has come! It is now time to sharpen my tools, till the ground, plant the seed and walk in faith and expect the harvest! I will live in the reality of God's sustaining power.

Salvation Prayer (to ask God to forgive your sins and adopt you as His child):

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for taking my place by dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life. I ask that You lead, teach and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Change me into a person who represents you well, in Jesus name, amen."

Announcements: www.hopecommunitysite.com 705-812-2833

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

Woman's Walking/Exercise Group – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

Kid's Tuesday Afterschool Program – 3:30 to 5:00 pm - gym games, snack, encouragement & friendship

Mom's Hangout – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

God Squad Jr. High: Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

Sr. High Youth: Thursdays: 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Students grades 9-12

Good Food Box – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

Communion Lunch Service – First Sunday of each month Service (10:00 am) of each month as part of the morning service. Invite a friend and bring food to share in this pot luck style meal.