



Hope
Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, August 2, 2020

On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land. And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we went to Miletus. For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 20:7–16

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Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!**

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Scripture Reading: Acts 20:1–6

*Confession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

Prayer of Confession of Sin

(Corporate prayer, followed by a time of quiet for individual confession of sin.)

Our gracious and loving heavenly Father. We come before Your throne of grace and mercy today with the help of Your Holy Spirit and in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. We confess to You today that we have sinned against You in many different ways, and ultimately that all of our sins, whether in thoughts, in words, or in deeds, were committed against You, Your holiness, Your goodness, and Your glory. We ask You to please forgive us this day for our sinfulness, and also to empower us, according to Your sustaining grace, through Your Holy Spirit, that we may flee from temptation, resist the evil one, and more fully image Your holiness, goodness, and glory, before a watching and needy world. And we ask all of this, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Gloria Patri

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Anthem of Musical Worship

Sermon Title: The Comfort of Gospel Preaching

Acts 20:7–16

Rev. Martin Hawley

Closing Prayer

*Doxology

(Livestream Ends)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Benediction

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