

## Announcements

**Grief Share** meets on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm at Stairville.

**PPRC** will meet Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 pm at Stairville.

**The Library Book Club** will meet April 1 at 6:00 pm at Stairville. April's book is "Animal Farm" by George Orwell

**Stretching with the Oldies** meets Thursdays at 10:00 am at Stairville.

**New Hope Thrift Store** is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**New Hope Community Room & Library** is open Saturdays 12:00-3:00 pm and Thursdays 1:00-3:00 pm.

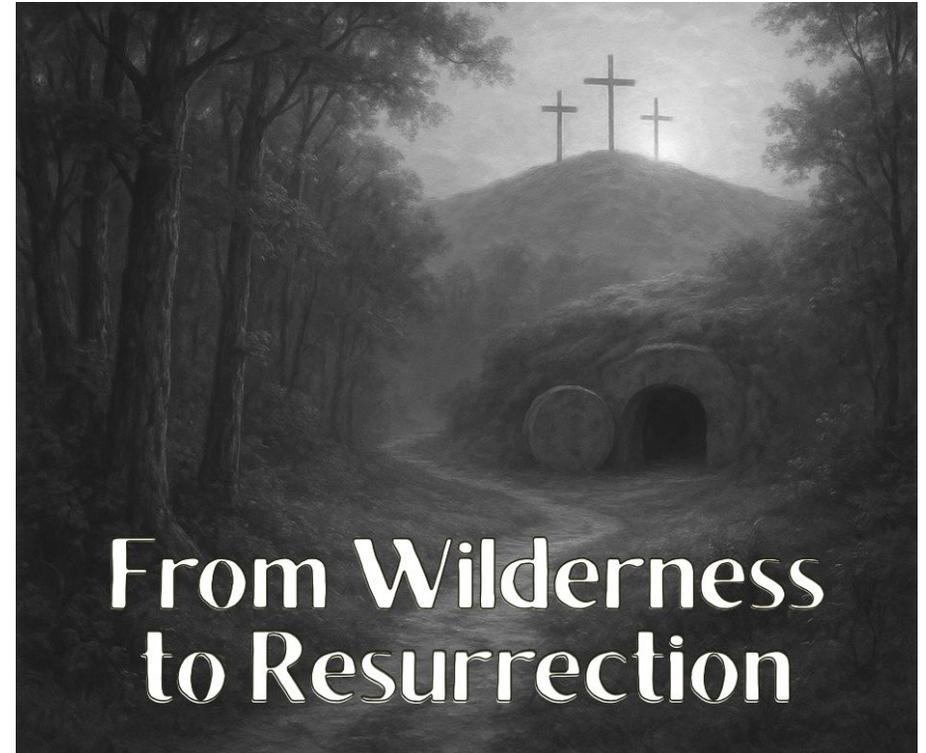
**New Hope** is collecting items for the Rice Elementary backpack program. Please be watching for collection boxes and a list of needed requested items.

### Please Hold in Prayer the Following:

Nancy Prebola, Kenny Rouschy, Joel K & family, Beverly Decker, Dale Myers, Darlene Taney, Dorothy Myers, Kauffman Family, Loretta Jones, Maureen K, Page Martin, David Yost Sr, Barbara Barber, Lujean Baab, Zok Lawton, Keith Lehman, Sadie Shultz, Glen Arnold, Craig Whitebread, Frank Boyer, Dave Hilenski, Colt Holt, Leelyn Prochaska, Sara Myers, Michael Razvillas, Jason Seltzer, Angel Barber, Delilah Worthington, Pete Webby, Joe Simon, Bonnie Snyder, Bradley Smith, Brian Myers, Heather Spilane, Kevin Gallagher, Neil Fierro, Mary Ann Razvillas, Ida Rossi, Angela Hamm, David Myers, Danny Steeves, Tammy Winterhalt, Getha Ogin, Helen Spaide, Sonny Rineheimer, John Skirchak, Chuck Herring.

# Worship Bulletin

March 22, 2026



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Welcome to worship, we're so glad you're here!*

\* please stand as you are able            **BOLD** readings in unison

### GREETING, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come this morning from valleys we did not choose, seasons of waiting, grief that lingers, and prayers that haven't yet been answered.

**P: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.**

L: We worship a God who is never in a hurry and never behind, a God who enters the valley with us rather than calling to us from a safe distance.

**P: We wait for the Lord. Our whole being waits.**

L: Jesus wept at the graveside of his friend. He was not too busy, not too distant, not unmoved. He was present in the grief before he worked the miracle.

**P: He is the resurrection and the life. Even now, he is with us.**

L: So we lay down our hurry this morning. We open our hands. We are here.

**All: The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is alive in us. Come, Lord. We are listening.**

\* HYMN                    "My Hope Is Built"                    UMH 368

#### \* OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Lord, we confess that we are people in a hurry. We rush through our days and wonder why we feel so far from you. Slow us down this morning. Meet us in the waiting. Speak to the dry and weary places in us, and breathe your life there again. We trust that you are not behind. You are right on time. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING                    Ezekiel 37:1-14

*L: The Word of God for the people of God. P: Thanks be to God!*

OFFERING / CHOIR ANTHEM

\* DOXOLOGY / OFFERTORY PRAYER                    UMH 95  
*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."*

\* SONG                    "Graves Into Gardens"                    *Insert*

THE MESSAGE                    "When Hope Feels Delayed"

JOYS AND CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER /  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)                    UMH 895  
*"Our Father, who art in Heaven..."*

\* HYMN                    "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"                    UMH 133  
*Please use this time to place prayer rocks in the answered jar.*

#### \* BENEDICTION

You came here carrying things that are taking longer than you hoped. You leave with the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead living inside you. So go at the pace of grace, not the pace of panic. Roll away whatever stone you have been guarding. Speak hope out loud, even when it feels ridiculous. And trust the God who is never in a hurry and never, ever late. Go in peace. **Amen.**

Where in your life have you been treating God's silence as evidence of God's absence — and what would it look like to wait there with your whole being instead of your worry?

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Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Tiffany Hudson

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But it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise  
and treasures that fade  
(are) never enough

### Verse 2

Then You came along  
And put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied  
Here in Your love

### Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

### Verse 3

I'm not afraid  
To show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend

### Verse 4

'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace  
Won't find me again

(Chorus 2x)

### Bridge 1

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can (repeat)

### Bridge 2

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