



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 24, 2019
Season of Lent


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Edward Mote is not usually a name that comes to mind when thinking about the great Christian authors in hymnody. However, he is the author of our opening hymn, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less,” and the testimony of his life is one that should inspire all Christians.

Mote was not brought up in a Christian home nor did he have any knowledge of God’s Word. In fact, his parents owned a pub in London and often neglected young Edward, who spent most of his Sundays playing in the streets. Of his theological upbringing he said, “So ignorant was I that I did not know there was a God.”

Eventually Mote heard the Gospel, was converted, and was baptized at the age of 18. At the age of 55, after a long a successful career as a cabinetmaker, Edward became a pastor of a Baptist church in Sussex. It was with this background and his experience of God’s saving grace in Christ that Mote wrote the hymn we love today, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.”

From a declaration of God’s saving grace in Christ in the first stanza to the application of that grace in times of trouble in the second and third stanzas, the writer brings his hymn full circle in the final stanza with the ultimate realization of God’s grace on the Day to come.

This hymn, penned by the son of neglectful pubkeepers in London, has become one of the most beloved Gospel hymns in the Church today. It celebrates the basic message of the Gospel — that faith in Christ alone is the only requirement for salvation.

Let us worship God together for the beautiful Gospel that declares we are saved by faith alone in Christ alone!

REJOICE IN GLORIOUS HOPE

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Allegro from Concerto in F Major” G. F. Handel; arr. Walter
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION:
“Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”arr. Brant Adams
Richard Rogers, saxophone

CALL TO WORSHIP Brandon Terry

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 521 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” SOLID ROCK

♣INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♣STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 5 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Is there more than one God?

There is only one, the living and true God.

This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

♣GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

REST IN PARDONING GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Awesome and compassionate God,
You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved You.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as You come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth.
Grant us, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with You,
and in whose strong name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. I Peter 3:18

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "To Love Our God" Mark Hayes

Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?
The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full.
How can these things be? How can they be?
Humanity works hard to make a name, toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.
We all return to dust from whence we came. All is empty, all is vain.
To love our God, the reason we live; to love our God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives life meaning, makes us whole.
For this purpose we were made — to love our God!

*The Chancel Choir
Brad Jones, piano
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Artez Henderson

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Ron Hickman

RECEIVE THE WORD OF PROMISE

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*please stand*)

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION:

"Before the Throne of God Above" Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect

strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
 spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

heart, I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
 free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 2:1-10
(page 45 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON *A Savior and Defender* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 449 "We Rest On Thee" FINLANDIA

✦BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "The People Respond – Amen!" Dan Locklair

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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I. Person

A. Fully Human

B. Miraculously Preserved

II. Work

A. Purpose of the Big Story

B. Purpose of the Little Story