

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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Old Orchard Church

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**Then Jesus said to them,
“The Sabbath was made for man,
not man for the Sabbath.
So the Son of Man is Lord
even of the Sabbath.”**

~ Mark 2:27-28 ~

Celebrating Jesus Christ, Lord of the Sabbath

All who are weary and burdened,
Jesus bids you come to Him.
He promises the rest you so desperately need!
Rest for the soul: Rest from guilt. Rest from futility.

The Old Covenant Sabbath commanded rest
and forbade human work upon the threat of death.
As good as it was, it pointed to something better—
to Messiah, true Lord of Sabbath Shalom.

Blessed be the name of Jesus,
Through whom and for whom all things exist.
Come, on this day of worship and rest,
Come near unto God.
Bless Christ for his grace, sing his worthiness!
By his work on the cross we have begun our Eternal Rest.

Alleluia!



Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 20:1,2, 8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

New Testament Lesson: Mark 2:23-3:6

Today's Exhortation

“Faith at Work: Company Management”

Post-Labor Day testimony from Nate McKie, CTO, Asynchrony Solutions

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

The Leisure to See God

Certainly the City of God shall have no greater joy that the celebration of the grace of Christ, who redeemed us by His blood. There shall be accomplished the words of the psalm, “**be still, and know that I am God.**” (Psalm 46:10) There shall be the great Sabbath which has no evening, which God celebrated among His first works, as it is written, “**By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.**” (Gen. 2:2,3) For we shall ourselves be the seventh day, when we shall be filled and replenished with God's blessing and sanctification. There shall we be still, and know that He is God; that He is that which we ourselves aspired to be when we fell away from Him, and listened to the voice of the seducer, “**You Shall be as gods,**” (Gen. 3:5) and so abandoned God, who would have made us gods, not be deserting Him, but by participating in Him. For without Him what have we accomplished, save to perish in His anger? But when we are restored by Him, and perfected with greater grace, we shall have eternal leisure to see that He is God, for we shall be full of Him when He shall be all in all. For ever our good works, when they are understood to be rather His than ours are imputed to us that we may enjoy this Sabbath rest... Wherefore it is said by Ezekiel the prophet, “**Also I gave them my Sabbaths as a sign between us, so they would know that I the Lord made them holy.**” (Ezekiel 22:12) This knowledge shall be perfected when we shall be perfectly at rest, and shall perfectly know that He is God....

The City of God, Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (354-430 AD)

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God saw all that he had made, and it was very good....By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. (Genesis 1:31; 2:2-3)