

**Welcome!**

**Prayer**

**Christ, Or Else I Die**  
**Words: William Hammond**  
**Music: Drew Holcomb**

**Announcement about Project Home Day Center Relief  
Fund: Ben Jones**

**Sermon "Caring for the Suffering"**

**Isaiah 53**

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5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

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7 He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
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8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
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9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

11 After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.  
For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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### Sermon Outline

#### 1. Jesus is Our Suffering Servant

##### a. Isaiah 53

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- b. Fundamentally Changed Relationship with God**
    - c. Fundamentally Changed Care for Others**
  - 2. Jesus is Their Suffering Servant**
    - a. Mark 10:42-45**
    - b. True Greatness**
    - c. Isaiah 49:15**
    - d. We care for others because God cares for us**
  - 3. We Serve One Another in the Midst of Suffering**
    - a. Romans 12:15**
    - b. Getting Practical!**
    - c. [restoringhope@hopecc.com](mailto:restoringhope@hopecc.com)**

### **Communion Prayer and Reflection**

#### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul  
**Words: Anne Steele**  
**Arrangement: Hope Community Church**

**I Need Thee Every Hour**  
**Words: Anne Hawks**  
**Arrangement: Hope Community Church**

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**Doxology**

**Words: Thomas Ken**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen.

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**This Week's Sermon**  
*"Caring for the Suffering"*  
*Isaiah 53*

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# The Suffering Servant

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familiar with pain (acquainted with grief);  
despised; held in low esteem; considered  
punished by God, stricken, afflicted;  
crushed; oppressed, cut off; judged

# God Enters Into Our Suffering

*“Jesus lost all his glory so that we could be clothed in it. He was shut out so we could get access. He was bound, nailed, so that we could be free. He was cast out so we could approach. And Jesus took away the only kind of suffering that can really destroy you: that is being cast away from God. He took that so that now all suffering that comes into your life will only make you great.”*

– Tim Keller, *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering*, p. 180-81



We care for others because God first cared  
for us.

## Mark 10:42-45

“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

## Isaiah 49:15

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast  
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?  
Though she may forget,  
I will not forget you!

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## Romans 12:15 (ESV)

5 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

# Getting Practical

- Ministry of Presence
- Reaching Out in Small, Noticeable Ways
- Differences in Grieving Style
- You Can't Fix This Person
- This is a Group Effort

# Gospel Application

Are you connected to Christ?

Are you caring for others as Christ has cared  
for you?