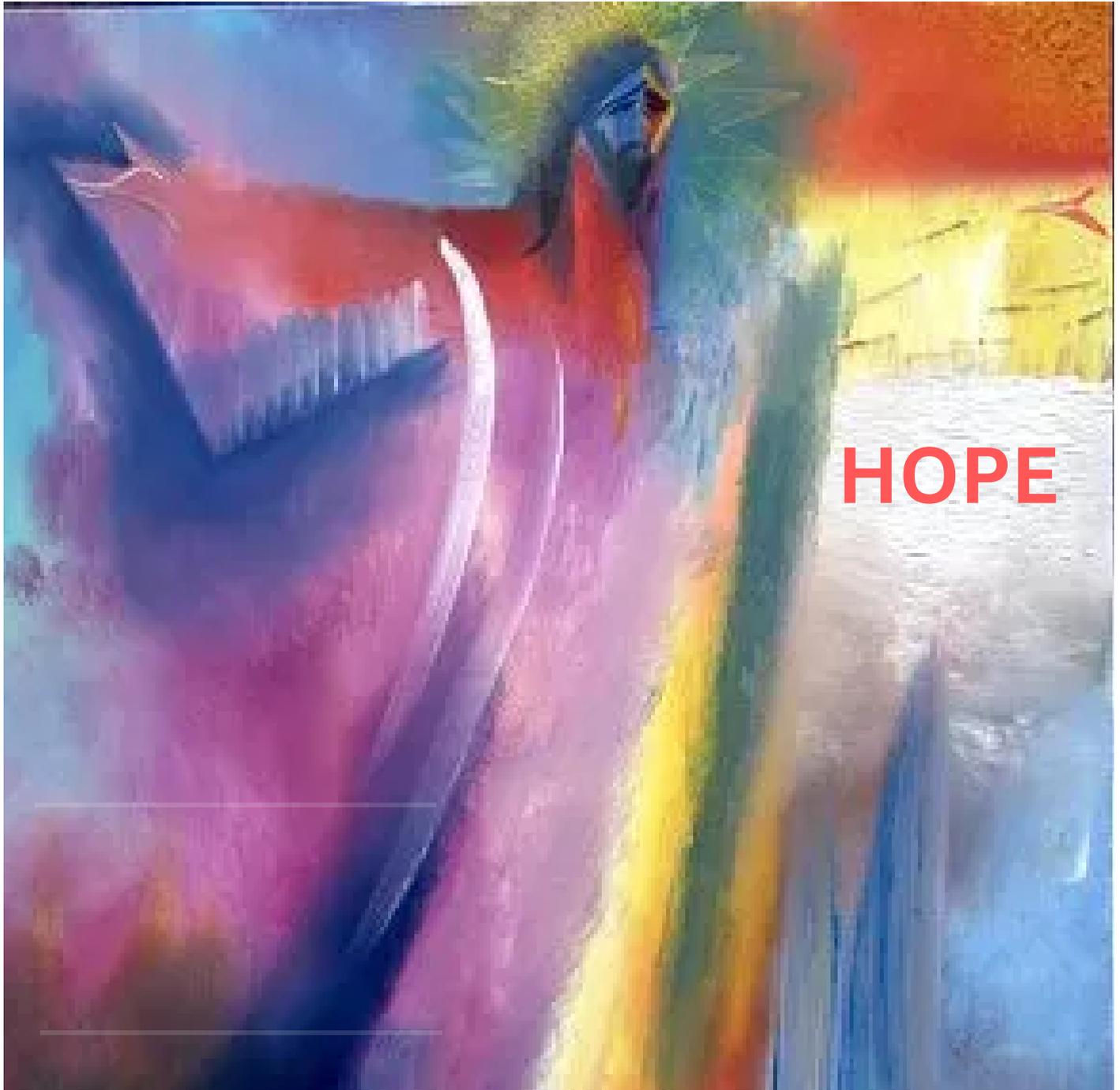


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SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Thank you for attending this service this morning. If you are a visitor you are very welcome. Please make yourself known to us and join us for a cup of coffee or tea after the service.

At Scarborough we value teaching of the Word to build up the church in her faith as well as our practical outreach ministries to reach people with the good news about Jesus. We strive to be a community where we are motivated by the love of God to serve others and not by guilt. We believe that people are saved by Christ alone, grace alone and faith alone and wish to reflect this in all that we are and all that we do. We also believe that the Kingdom of God is more important than our church. In the light of this we seek to work with other churches and encourage them in their ministry.

SERMON SERIES JANUARY

TODAY: What is Christian hope really all about?

08 January: Why are we dependent on Christian hope?

15 January: What is the relationship between faith and Christian hope?

22 January: How does hope impact our understanding of change?

29 January: What is the relationship between Christian hope and failure?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER TODAY

How do "most people understand hope"?

What makes Christian hope different?

What do we look forward to in the future?

How is hope more than just a theory that we believe in the present and that may not be real after death?

What are the things we most hope for as Christians?

Prayer

- Pray that the new year will be a time of harvest for the church and many people become Christians
- Pray that the church's finances will be sufficient to maintain the church's ministry this year.
- Please pray for Lilly who is struggling with her health. Also pray for Anik who is still undergoing tests.

Notices:

Most of our regular church activities are on hold over the holiday time

S@6 will be on Tonight

Join us for a light meal and a fun service

No Bible Study

No CRAFT over the holiday period

No Mainly Music

Martin Luther on Faith:

Faith is not what some people think it is. Their human dream is a delusion. Because they observe that faith is not followed by good works or a better life, they fall into error, even though they speak and hear much about faith. "Faith is not enough," they say, "You must do good works, you must be pious to be saved." They think that, when you hear the gospel, you start working, creating by your own strength a thankful heart which says, "I believe." That is what they think true faith is. But, because this is a human idea, a dream, the heart never learns anything from it, so it does nothing and reform doesn't come from this 'faith,' either.

Instead, faith is God's work in us, that changes us and gives new birth from God. (John 1:13). It kills the Old Adam and makes us completely different people. It changes our hearts, our spirits, our thoughts and all our powers. It brings the Holy Spirit with it. Yes, it is a living, creative, active and powerful thing, this faith. Faith cannot help doing good works constantly. It doesn't stop to ask if good works ought to be done, but before anyone asks, it already has done them and continues to do them without ceasing. Anyone who does not do good works in this manner is an unbeliever. He stumbles around and looks for faith and good works, even though he does not know what faith or good works are. Yet he gossips and chatters about faith and good works with many words.

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PETER'S EARLY ATTEMPTS TO WALK ON WATER WITH JESUS DISPLAYED AN INADEQUATE AMOUNT OF FAITH

Are we once again bragging about ourselves? Do we need letters to you or from you to tell others about us? Some people do need letters telling about them. 2 But you are our letter, and you are in our[a] hearts for everyone to read and understand. 3 You are like a letter written by Christ and delivered by us. But you are not written with pen and ink or on tablets made of stone. You are written in our hearts by the Spirit of the living God.

We are sure about all this. Christ makes us sure in the very presence of God. 5 We don't have the right to claim that we have done anything on our own. God gives us what it takes to do all we do. 6 He makes us worthy to be the servants of his new agreement that comes from the Holy Spirit and not from a written Law. After all, the Law brings death, but the Spirit brings life.

7 The Law of Moses brought only the promise of death, even though it was carved on stones and given in a wonderful way. Still the Law made Moses' face shine so brightly the people of Israel could not look at it, even though it was a fading glory. 8 So won't the agreement the Spirit brings to us be even more wonderful? 9 If something that brings the death sentence is glorious, won't something that makes us acceptable to God be even more glorious? 10 In fact, the new agreement is so wonderful that the Law is no longer glorious at all. 11 The Law was given with a glory that faded away. But the glory of the new agreement is much greater, because it will never fade away.

12 This wonderful hope makes us feel like speaking freely. 13 We are not like Moses. His face was shining, but he covered it to keep the people of Israel from seeing the brightness fade away. 14 The people were stubborn, and something still keeps them from seeing the truth when the Law is read. Only Christ can take away the covering that keeps them from seeing.

15 When the Law of Moses is read, they have their minds covered over 16 with a covering that is removed only for those who turn to the Lord. 17 The Lord and the Spirit are one and the same, and the Lord's Spirit sets us free. 18 So our faces are not covered. They show the bright glory of the Lord, as the Lord's Spirit makes us more and more like our glorious Lord.