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We don't care where you've been....
We only care about where you're going...

## Holy Spirit Community Church 'Seeking God's will, Sharing God's love'

Sunday June 8th 2025



'Hope' or 'Hard Times?'
Pastor Brian Henry

## ORDER OF SERVICE HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcome

Opening prayer WORSHIPPING

Offering

Todays message is being shared today from Pastor Brian Henry.

Retired from 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church. He remains active in the community.

Welcome him as this is his first time at HSCC. If you're nice to him, maybe we can get him back!

**Todays Message** 

"Hope" or "Hard times?"
Romans 15:13~Hebrews 11:1
1Peter 3:15

Because He lives, we can face tomorrow!

WORSHIPPING

With music and song as we again sing to the Lord

Closing prayer and blessing

•Genies are magical beings from folklore who grant wishes if their lamp is rubbed the right way.

•We often get into the bad habit of thinking God is like a genie - rub Him the right way and He will grant our every wish. We must understand that God does not bless us on the basis of who we are or what we do, He blesses us solely on the basis of who He is. We can do nothing to earn God's blessings – we only receive through His grace. Furthermore, God cannot be bribed, bullied, blackmailed or 'suckered'. God has many reasons why He blesses some and withholds blessings from others. These reasons are always in accordance with His eternal plan.

Every time we feel that God isn't giving us what we deserve, we should stop and consider that due to our transgressions what we truly deserve is Divine judgement. The only reason we receive blessings instead of condemnation is because Jesus Christ went to the cross on our behalf. Eternal salvation is a free gift that can neither be earned nor deserved. If we believe in Christ we will be eternally blessed and thankfully NEVER get what we truly deserve – judgement in time and eternity.

Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2: 4-5