

This month we read parts of the Sermon on the Mount as the Gospel texts. We will hear Jesus tell us that God's blessings are for all people; that we should be salt and light in our bland and dark world; that anger, adultery, and divorce have no place in God's kingdom/reign; and that we should love our enemies.

Let's open ourselves to the radical changes Jesus promises us. Let's open our hearts to work to make those changes a reality. Let's give so others may be blessed. Let's be salty and speak up against injustice. Let's shed light in dark places so people have hope. Let's work in our community to develop healthy relationships. Let's be Jesus' people so we become his faithful, loving people.

The kingdom/reign of God is already present among us, if we just look for it. Let's spend the month on a kingdom/reign of God alert watching for signs of Jesus' presence.

Yet, the kingdom/reign of God is not fully here. Let's do what we are called by God to do, to make the world more ready to receive it.

Let's be Jesus' people right here at Hope, spreading the kingdom/reign of God to those who need