



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

October 18th 2020

9:00am *livestream / worship indoors – must RSVP*
11:00am *worship & children's ministries indoors - RSVP*

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Josh
Songs to God	Worship Team
Bible Teaching	Pastor John
Song of Reflection	Worship Team

As a courtesy to others, please keep your mask on before and after the service. You are welcome to take it off while seated. Thanks!

Special Upcoming Opportunities

INSTITUTE CLASS: UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT: Discover the overall message of the OT and how to understand its different books. Join Pastor Kevin on Monday nights @ 7pm in the worship center OR on YouTube.com/openarmschurchnewyork

ORDINATION SERVICE: Join us at 2pm TODAY Sun 10/18 at OAC for the ordination of Sean Nolan, church planter of Engage Church, Albany. Please RSVP to john@openarmschurch.com

LORD'S SUPPER: On Sun, Oct 25th we will share in the Lord's Supper together during both the 9am & 11am services using individually sealed packets of bread and juice. Those worshipping by live stream can pick up bread/juice packets from church building during drive-up times on Thurs, Oct 22nd from 5-6:30pm or Fri, Oct 23rd from 2:00-3:30pm

Everyday Life at OAC

BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith and obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell us of your interest.
Next baptism:

MISSIONS: To learn more about the missions that we engage in and how to get involved, visit the 'Missions' tab on our website.

PRAYER: Visit our website (under the 'Resources' tab) at any time to express a prayer need. Join with others for **prayer on Sunday mornings after 9:00 am worship service till 10:40am** in the **prayer room** (last room on left in Education wing).

GIVING OPTIONS: Link to online giving available under Resources tab on website 2) Checks can be mailed to 2714 Curry Rd, Sch. 12303
3) Drop in the Offering boxes mounted by worship center doors.

For more information, visit our website:

OpenArmsChurch.com

Only One Way to a Pure Conscience

(Hebrews 9:1-14)

¹Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ²For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵Above it were the cherubim of glory over-shadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. ⁶These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹(which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴**how much more will the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, **purify our conscience** from dead works to serve the living God.

2 Takeaways on having a consistently clean conscience:

- 1) No religious practice that we or others perform on our behalf—no matter how sincere—can ever purify within.
vs 1-10**
- 2) Only Jesus' once and for all offer of Himself—believed & personally accepted by faith—can purify a conscience.
vs 11-14**

- a) Be sensitive to your conscience – is the uneasiness of God or the devil?**
- b) Be quick to confess to God and grateful for Jesus' eternal payment.**
- c) Be secure in His cleansing and restored 'fellowship.'** (1 John 1:5-2:1)