

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

June 28th, 2020

Morning Worship Service

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

²¹ When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,

²² I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.

²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Psalm 73:21-24

Jesus What A Friend For Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Allelujah! What a Savior! Allelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

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Confession of Sin

God,
You ask for our courage to protect the powerless but we prefer to remain safe, preserving ourselves for future challenges. You ask us to speak out for justice but we whisper, in case we are heard. You ask us to stand up for what is right, but we would rather blend in to the crowd. You ask us to have faith, when doubting seems so much easier. Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to follow you, only when it is convenient to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, only with those who make it easy to do so. God, forgive us and renew us; Equip us and give us your grace so that we might risk the journey to your Kingdom with you. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love . . . He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.”

Psalm 103:8, 10-14

Laden With Guilt and Full of Fears

Laden with guilt and full of fears/ I fly to Thee my Lord
And not a glimpse of hope appears/ But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace/ Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face in every page

This is the field where hidden lies/ The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise/ Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows/ To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows/ No danger dwells within

This is the judge that ends the strife/ Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life/ Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels mighty God/ My roving feet command
Nor I forsake the happy road/ That leads to Thy right hand

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Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Davis Mooney

Offering and Doxology

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“Redeeming the Time”

David Speakman

¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Psalm 90:12-15

³² I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!

Psalm 119:32

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8: 1-4

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:15-17

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: *Thanks be to God*

The Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Supper Instructions

- We invite those seated furthest away from the pulpit to come to the table first. An usher will tell you when to come.
- Households may approach together. We ask that each household practice physical distancing when awaiting their turn.
- Communicants will cup their hands, ready to receive the bread.
- Another server will make a cup available for each communicant to pick up. Wine is the darker liquid and grape juice is the lighter liquid.
- Young children who have made a profession of faith may partake in the Lord's Supper when they have met with and been approved by the Session.

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say/ Thy strength indeed is small

Child of weakness watch and pray/ Find in Me thine all in all

Jesus paid it all/ All to Him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain/ He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find/ Thy pow'r and Thine alone

Can change the leper's spots/ And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne/ I stand in Him complete

Jesus died my soul to save/ My lips shall still repeat

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt/ And raised this life up from the dead

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ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go/ I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe/ That in thine ocean depths its flow/ May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way/ I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray/ That in thy sunshine's blaze its day/ May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain/ I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain/ And feel the promise is not vain/ That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head/ I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead/ And from the ground there blossoms red/ Life that shall endless be.

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Benediction

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.