

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

September 13th, 2020

Morning Worship Service

“You can safely assume that you have created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.”

Anne Lamott

“When the grace of God sinks in, we will be among the least offended and most loving people in the world.”

Scott Sauls, *Jesus Outside the Lines*

“I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged the most worthy; 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against; and, 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.”

John Wesley

“I rejected the church for a time because I found so little grace there. I returned because I found grace nowhere else.”

Philip Yancey

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Leader: to him who alone does great wonders,

Congregation: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Leader: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

Congregation: *for his steadfast love endures forever;*

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

Congregation: *for his steadfast love endures forever.*

Psalm 136:1,4,23,26

Let Us Adore

Let us adore (let us adore)/ The ever living God (the ever living God)

And render praise (and render praise)/ Unto Him (unto Him)

Who spread out the heavens (Who spread out the heavens)/ And established the earth (And established the earth)

And whose glory (and whose glory)/ Is manifest throughout the whole earth

He is our God (He is our God)/ He is our God (He is our God)/ There is no one else

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow/ That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness/ Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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Call to Confession

Ethan Smith

Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your goodness and loving-kindness:

Lost in ourselves, we dwell endlessly on yesterday's embarrassment, anger, and wounds.

Lord God, forgive us.

Lost in our divisions, it is hard to see beyond yesterday's fighting, suspicion, and fear.

Lord God, forgive us.

Lost in our fantasy, it is tempting to live in yesterday's illusions.

Lord God, forgive us.

Fill us with the security found in Jesus Christ this day, that we might be lost in the wonder of your hope.

Lord God, make us ready for every good work.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your goodness and loving-kindness.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

Psalm 32:1-5

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing/ Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing/ Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet/ Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it/ Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer/ Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure/ Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger/ Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger/ Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor/ Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter/ Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it/ Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it/ Seal it for Thy courts above

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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

John Petty

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow/ Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts/ Praise father, son, and holy ghost

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“Citizens of the King in an Election Year”

David Speakman

¹ Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote

themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. ⁹ But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.

Titus 3:1-9

¹⁴ And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

Titus 3:14

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.

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,

A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free; For God, the Just, is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God. With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Benediction

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

2 Corinthians 13:14

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.