

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

September 6th, 2020

### *Morning Worship Service*

“When the scriptural people of God seek redemption, they want personal salvation, and they express their desire in what sounds like a cry of the heart. But to them redemption goes far beyond personal salvation. When biblical people want God to redeem, what they want is freedom and righteousness throughout the land. They want God to unseat Pharaoh or Caesar. They want God to drive the Midianites back across the border. They’re Exodus people, after all. They’re Passover people. They have a history of being squeezed by Egypt, Babylon, or Rome. In their eyes, God’s redemption means justice is coming, liberation is coming, the King of all the earth is coming!”

Cornelius Plantinga, *Engaging God’s World*

“The way to do a great deal is to keep on doing a little. The way to do nothing at all is to be continually resolving that you will do everything.”

Charles H. Spurgeon

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to the household of faith.”

Galatians 6: 9-10

## **GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

### **Call to Worship**

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17

### **King Of Kings**

In the darkness we were waiting/ Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running/ There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets/ To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory/ To a cradle in the dirt

***Praise the Father/ Praise the Son/ Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory/ Majesty/ Praise forever to the King of Kings***

To reveal the kingdom coming/ And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation/ You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering/ You saw to the other side

Knowing this was our salvation/ Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose/ All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good/ For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs/ And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come/ To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born/ Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old/ Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name/ In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ/ Who has resurrected me

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### **My Worth Is Not In What I Own**

My worth is not in what I own/ Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name/ In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*I rejoice in my Redeemer/ Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other/ My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die/ Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might/ Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess/ My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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### **Call to Confession**

**Davis Mooney**

#### **Confession of Sin**

Father, you tell us in your Word that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we frequently relax our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism. How easily we've allowed ourselves to crumple under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In your mercy, remind us of the width and length, the height and depth of your love. Hear us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool . . . There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”  
Isaiah 1:18 and Romans 8:1

### **Spirit Of The Living God**

O Spirit of the living God/ Thou Light and Fire Divine/ Descend upon Thy church once more  
And make it truly Thine/ Fill it with love and joy and pow'r/ With righteousness and peace  
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts/ And sin and sorrow cease

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow/ Until our minds are free/ From mists of error, clouds of doubt,  
Which blind our eyes to Thee/ Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips/ With flaming love and zeal  
To preach to all Thy great good news,/ God's glorious commonweal

So shall we know the power of Christ,/ Who came this world to save/ So shall we rise with Him to life  
Which soars beyond the grave/ And earth shall win true holiness/ Which makes Thy children whole  
Till, perfected by Thee, we reach/ Creation's glorious goal

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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**

### **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**

### **“Engage: God's People in God's World for Good”**

**David Speakman**

<sup>1</sup> Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> 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.

Titus 3:1-8

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

<sup>15</sup> All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

Titus 3:14-15

**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**

### **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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### **Benediction**

<sup>24</sup> The Lord bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

## **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.