

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

November 29th, 2020

### *Indoor Worship Service*

Broken bottles, broken plates  
Broken switches, broken gates  
Broken dishes, broken parts  
Streets are filled with broken hearts  
Broken words never meant to be spoken  
Everything is broken

Bob Dylan, "Everything is Broken"

A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes, does various unessential things, and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Letters and Papers from Prison*

When we read in the Old Testament that God is just and righteous .... it is much more like a verb than a noun, because it refers *to the power of God to make right what has been wrong*. That in itself sounds inoffensive enough, but the radical message underlying it, and the one we resist, is that God does this right-making in spite of our resistance.

Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion*

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **Call to Worship**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might  
and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.  
You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

### **O Come O Come Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel/ shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free, thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

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### **Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding**

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding; "Christ is near," we hear the cry;  
"Cast away the works of darkness, O you children of the day!"

Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, its Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.

*Come Lord Jesus, Emmanuel / Come Lord Jesus, Emmanuel*

See the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiven.

So when next He comes in glory, And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy, And with words of love draw near.

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### **Call to Confession**

**Davis Mooney**

#### **Confession of Sin**

O Promised Christ,  
our lives are filled with sin.  
We overlook our neighbor's needs  
and do not love you above all else.  
Our rescue depends on your coming.  
We are a world divided by conflict.

Our peace depends on your coming.  
We are a guilty people.  
Our pardon depends on your coming.  
We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;  
our only hope of doing your will  
is that you should come and empower us to do it.  
Lord Christ, Word made flesh,  
our world waits  
for your rescue,  
for your peace,  
for your pardon,  
for your power,  
and for your grace.  
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins . . .  
you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Isaiah 40:1-2 and Matthew 1:21

#### **Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord / We will wait upon the Lord / We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord / We will wait upon the Lord / We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever/ Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

*You are the everlasting God / The everlasting God*

*You do not faint / You won't grow weary*

*You're the defender of the weak / You comfort those in need / You lift us up on wings like eagles*

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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**

**Larry McGee**

#### **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**

**Ethan Smith**

## **ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **“When the Wrong Seems Oft So Strong”**

**Ethan Smith**

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.  
<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
<sup>5</sup> Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;  
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;  
<sup>6</sup> but you shall be called the priests of the Lord;  
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;  
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,  
and in their glory you shall boast.  
<sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;  
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;  
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;  
they shall have everlasting joy.

<sup>8</sup> For I the Lord love justice;

I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup> Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:1-11

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

### **Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer / There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom / My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus / For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine / Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken / For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing / For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me / Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome / Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven / The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon / And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated / Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free / Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus / For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me / Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus / All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat / Yet not I but through Christ in me

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### **Benediction**

“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

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## 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.

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## **LIFE TOGETHER**

**Childcare During the Outdoor Worship Service:** The playground area is open and staffed at 11:00am as a nursery space for children, from walkers to 3-years-old, during the Outdoor Worship Service. Check-in will be required upon arrival, which will include Covid screening questions.

**Children's Sunday School:** We have one class for all ages that is 20-25 minutes of a Bible story, prayer, and Bible verse memorization. [hopechurchws.org/children](https://hopechurchws.org/children)

**Advent Activity Bags:** Advent activity bags for children ages 1 year to 5th grade and Advent wreath kits will be at the welcome tent between services this Sunday or at the office, 10:00am-1:00pm on Monday.

**Discovering Hope: December 4th (7:30-9pm) - 5th (9am-12pm):** Discovering Hope is our weekend course on the history, vision, and values of Hope Church, as well as what it means to be a member. The course is free and open to all, and childcare reimbursement is available. Register at [hopechurchws.org/DiscoveringHope](https://hopechurchws.org/DiscoveringHope).

**Toddler Sensory Playtime:** A snow-themed, socially-distanced event designed for our walkers to preschool-aged children on December 8th, from 3:30-4:30pm. Registration deadline is December 6th. [hopechurchws.org/toddler](https://hopechurchws.org/toddler)

**All-Youth Secret Santa Gift Exchange and Zoom Game Night:** Sign up by December 11th to be entered into our Secret Santa Gift Exchange. Then join us for a game night on December 18th. [hopechurchws.org/youthchristmas](https://hopechurchws.org/youthchristmas)

**Life Groups:** Life Groups are smaller communities (typically 12-15 adults) made up of members, regular attenders, and friends of Hope Church that meet anywhere from once a week to twice a month. [hopechurchws.org/lifegroups](https://hopechurchws.org/lifegroups)

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## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Winter Overflow Shelter:** Help is needed to pack and deliver lunch and dinner meals to shelter guests on Saturdays. [hopechurchws.org/wintershelter](https://hopechurchws.org/wintershelter)

**Around the World in 60 Minutes - Missions Webinar:** Our denominational missions agency, Mission to the World, invites you to a fun event on December 5th, 12:00-1:00pm, where you will get to hear from missionaries all around the world. You'll receive unique insight into the life of a missionary on the field during Christmas time, visiting five continents in just 60 minutes! This event is free.

<https://www.mtw.org/opportunity-details/around-the-world-in-60-minutes>