

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

January 17th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“On the one hand [the Christian faith] is the most pessimistic religion in the world, for it recognizes the tragic and awful dimensions of man’s sin. But on the other hand it is the most optimistic religion in the world, for it recognizes the heightening dimensions of God’s grace and how God’s grace can come in and pick up.... Christianity, therefore, becomes the greatest pessimistic optimistic religion in the world.... God’s grace stands over man’s sin.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

“I could more easily contain Niagara Falls in a teacup than I can comprehend the wild, uncontainable love of God.”

Brennan Manning

“God’s blessings don’t pursue temporarily—but relentlessly.... When I’m in a wilderness, His mercy and goodness run after me. When I’m hurting, His grace hunts for me. When I’m plagued by problems, His goodness pursues me. No matter where I go, He has his two blessing men right there in hot pursuit: goodness and mercy, and no shadow of death can overshadow the goodness and mercy that shadows the child of God.”

Ann Voskamp

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken / We do

Do you feel the shadows deepen / We do

But do you know that all the dark / Won’t stop the light from getting through / We do

Do you wish that you could see it all made new / We do

Is all creation groaning / It is

Is a new creation coming / It is

Is the glory of the Lord / To be the light within our midst / It is

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this / It is

*Is anyone worthy / Is anyone whole / Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave / He is David’s Root*

*And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy / Is He worthy / Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this / He is*

Does the Father truly love us / He does
Does the Spirit move among us / He does
And does Jesus our Messiah / Hold forever those He loves / He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us / He does

*Is anyone worthy / Is anyone whole / Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave / He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests / To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy / Is He worthy / Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy / Is He worthy / Is He worthy of this / He is*

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Let Me Find Thee

Behold me here in grief draw near / Pleading at Thy throne oh King
To Thee each tear / Each trembling fear / Jesus Son of Man I bring
Let me find Thee / Let me find Thee / Let me find Thee / Lord of mercy King of grace

Look down in love and from above / With Thy Spirit satisfy
Thou hast sought me / Thou hast bought me / And thy purchase Lord am I
Let me find Thee / Let me find Thee / Let me find Thee / Here on earth and then on high

Hear the broken scarcely spoken / Longings of my heart to Thee
All the crying / All the sighing / Of Thy child accepted be
Let me find Thee / Let me find Thee / Let me find Thee / Wounded healer suffering Lord

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Call to Confession

Davis Mooney

Confession of Sin

O Lord, our Redeemer, salvation is found in you alone. Yet too easily we turn to our own way, kneeling before idols who cannot save. We confess our misplaced devotion and our disordered affections. Merciful Savior, forgive us our sins. Grant that all of who you are would shape us daily, body and soul, into the new creations you have ordained. Word Made Flesh, manifest grace in our lives. Suffering Servant, teach us to walk in your ways. Lamb Who Was Slain, may our lips praise you alone. Resurrection and Life, make us living sacrifices, fragrant and sweet.

To you alone, perfect Savior, be all glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him... ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus Cast a Look On Me

Jesus cast a look on me / Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low / Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride / Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit / Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child / Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light / Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast / Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God / Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live / And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die / And hosannas ever cry!

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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

Katie Moretz

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

“All that I Need, I Have”

Ethan Smith

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

Psalm 23:1-6

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

All: Thanks be to God

The Lord's Supper

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into Hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

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

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting / The all creating One / God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit / Conceiving Christ the Son / Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father / I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit / Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection / That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender / Suffered and crucified / Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness / You rose in glorious life / Forever seated high

I believe in You / I believe You rose again / I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

*I believe in life eternal / I believe in the virgin birth / I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church / I believe in the resurrection / When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

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Benediction

“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.

LIFE TOGETHER

Elder and Deacon Nominations: We are officially opening up a season for the Session to receive the congregation's nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon from January 15th to February 15th. hopechurchws.org/nomination

Childcare During the Indoor Worship Service: Two nursery rooms (previous Infant & Ones rooms) will be open for individual family use. The rooms are equipped with TV's displaying the morning worship livestream and surfaces are cleaned prior to the service. We ask that those who use the space, please sign in on the door prior to entering the space and place toys used in the "Used Toy" container upon leaving.

Children's Sunday School: Weekly videos will resume on January 17th. They can be found on the Hope Kids YouTube Channel: hopechurchws.org/children

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

Hope Youth Weekly Devotion Videos: Davis Mooney has launched a new project to share a short, 5-minute devotion every Monday on YouTube (Hope Youth WS) and Instagram (@hopeyouthws). While these videos are aimed at students, anyone is welcome to watch, enjoy, and share them!

You can watch the intro video at: <https://youtu.be/XqINuD-ZngM>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Vaccine Distribution: There is an opportunity to partner with the Forsyth County Health Department and volunteer to assist with COVID-19 vaccination delivery in our community. There is a need for all health care workers to assist. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael Mitchell at msmitche@wakehealth.edu to receive more information. An online volunteer form can be found at hopechurchws.org/vaccine.