

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

February 28th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

"Our name has nothing to do with the historical meaning. There is a great quote that says, 'Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle.' ... Every single person walking down the street is fighting a great battle, whether or not you can see it."

Joy Williams, *The Civil Wars*

"The life of David is full of incidents like this. Everyone's life is. Not a palace coup for most of us..., but conflict and failure and fear, love and betrayal, loss and salvation. Every day is a story, a morning beginning and evening ending that are boundaries for people who go about their tasks with more or less purpose, go to war, love others, earn a living, scheme and sin and believe."

Eugene Peterson, *Answering God: The Psalms As Tools For Prayer*

"Together we turn to the Psalms and pray through them, word by word, personalizing them for what is on our heart. In the dry, empty place, the Word comes alive. It shapes our lament. Praying this way challenges me at the deepest part of my being. It strips my soul of all supports, because my whole heart and mind bend toward God."

Paul Miller, *A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;

wisdom and power are his.

He changes times and seasons;

he deposes kings and raises up others.

He gives wisdom to the wise

and knowledge to the discerning.

Daniel 2:20-21

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name / In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow / Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name / When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness / Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll / Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord / Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord / Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord / Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name / When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be / Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name / On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering / Blessed be Your name

You give and take away / You give and take away
My heart will choose to say / Lord blessed be Your name

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Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah / Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but Thou art mighty / Hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven / Feed me now and evermore
Bread of heaven / Feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain / Whence the healing waters flow
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar / Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer / Be Thou still my Strength and Shield
Strong Deliverer / Be Thou still my Strength and Shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan / Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death, and hell's destruction / Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises / I will ever give to Thee
Songs of praises / I will ever give to Thee

Land me safe on Canaan's side / Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side / Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye

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Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Lord, giver of life and breath, we confess that we have cherished the gifts more than the Giver. We have sought after what cannot satisfy, and held onto things that are not our own. Forgive us for the good we have withheld, and for the wrongs we have dispensed; for where your glory was ignored, and vain shadows kept our gaze. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may love and serve you with singleness of heart, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

⁴ ...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.

Titus 3:4-7

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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The Covenant of Membership

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

Delane Clark

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

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“Praying Through Our Fears”

Davis Mooney

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

¹ O Lord, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

² many are saying of my soul,

“There is no salvation for him in God.”

³ But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,

my glory, and the lifter of my head.

⁴ I cried aloud to the Lord,

and he answered me from his holy hill.

⁵ I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Arise, O Lord!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;

you break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongs to the Lord;

your blessing be on your people!

Psalm 3

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

Here Is Love

Here is love vast as the ocean / Loving-kindness as the flood

When the Prince of Life our Ransom / Shed for us His precious blood (REPEAT)

*Who His love will not remember / Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten / Throughout Heav'n's eternal days*

On the mount of crucifixion / Fountains opened deep and wide

Through the floodgates of God's mercy / Flowed a vast and gracious tide

*Grace and love like mighty rivers / Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice / Kissed a guilty world in love*

No love is higher no love is wider / No love is deeper no love is truer

No love is higher no love is wider / No love is like Your love O Lord (REPEAT)

Yes here is love vast as the ocean/ Yes here is love vast as the ocean

Benediction

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Number 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.

LIFE TOGETHER

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.

Lenten Devotionals Available: Join us on a journey to Easter with Beauty of the Cross by Tim Chester, which is full of daily meditations on Isaiah 52-53. Pick up a free copy at the connections table this week or contact the church office.

Devotional Art Exhibition: Throughout the season of Lent, a devotional art exhibit entitled *The Stations of the Cross* will be installed outside on the church grounds. Visitors can come take a “pilgrimage” around the church building, prayerfully walking through the events of Holy Week. The companion book may be picked up in the Worship Center or the church office.

Men’s Cohorts: Registration is live for our spring cohorts, which kick off the first week in March. These are small groups that meet for connection and study the Bible together. Various days and times are available. Register at hopechurchws.org/men.

Men’s Meetchup: Our next informal men’s gathering is Thursday, March 4th, 7:30-9:30pm (come and go as needed) at Incendiary in Bailey Park. All are welcome.

Spring Women’s Event: *A Day to Be* - March 20th, 9:00am-3:30pm. Come join us for a day to be! Be with other women outdoors on the beautiful grounds of Nomad Farms in nearby Tobaccoville. Be with the Lord in times of reflection, listening, journaling and praying. Be with yourself and take time to receive care for your soul. Register online by March 7th: hopechurchws.org/aDaytoBe.

Marked Men for Christ Weekend - March 17-19th, Camp Caraway Conference Center - Asheboro, NC. This a transformational retreat for men who are ready to go deeper with Jesus Christ and become stronger, more fruitful for him. We will be following all Covid-19 protocols to keep everyone safe. Because of Covid, every man will get his own room in the conference center. Go to www.markedmenforchrist.org to register. The cost is \$275. Financial assistance is available. Contact Clyde Godwin at cgodwin@priorityone.org with your questions.

Church-wide Camping Trip: Save the date for a fun overnight camping experience at Stone Mountain Park, May 7-8. All are welcome—young or old, single or married, families or no kids. Registration will be available in April.

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Mask Donations: Speas Elementary needs child-size disposable face masks for their students. If you’d like to help with this need, you can follow the link to an Amazon wishlist to make a purchase and have it delivered to the school. <https://a.co/8gxw1N0>

If you’d prefer to deliver child-size face masks to the school yourself, the address is: Speas Elementary School, 2000 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Robb and Sheila Warfield Dakar Academy, Senegal, Africa

Robb is the Director of Dakar Academy, a Christian Pre-K-through-12 college prep school that serves ~240 students from six continents. Sheila is the administrative assistant to the principal. Dakar Academy serves children of international Christian missionaries as well as Senegalese families. Situated on the west coast of Africa, Senegal has a population of over 15 million [~92% Muslim, ~7% Roman Catholic.] Robb & Sheila have three children: Avery Avalyn and Hayden.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray as Dakar Academy considers the possibility of opening a series of schools in Ghana and one in Liberia.
- Pray that God would provide a science teacher at the high school and an elementary teacher and elementary school principal for Dakar Academy.
- Prayers for Avery and Avalyn as they were recently in a car wreck while at university and are recovering well. Pray that Robb and Sheila would love them well as an ocean currently separates them.
- Pray that Robb would love God more and care well for his wife and youngest son who is a junior in high school at Dakar Academy.

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