

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

April 18th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“O Light, that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.”

George Matheson

“A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.”

Isaiah 42:3-4

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Psalms 66:1-2, 5

Anchor Of Hope

Marvelous wonderful infinite God / Author of all that is good
Faithful provider and giver of life / Source of all power and love

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise / Refuge of strength to the end
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save / He’s the anchor of hope for the souls of men*

Gracious compassionate merciful God / Radiant holy delight
Beautiful Father victorious Son / Source of unchangeable light

You are light in the dark / You are healing for the broken heart
You are hope You are Lord / You are life You are love that endures

Powerful constant unwavering God / Shepherd who comes for the lost
Rock of salvation remarkable love / Savior who died on the cross

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Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow / There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning / With a love that casts out fear
You are working in our waiting / Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding / You're teaching us to trust

***Your plans are still to prosper / You've not forgotten us / You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love / You are sovereign over us***

You are wisdom unimagined / Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens / Reaching down in endless grace
You're the lifter of the lowly / Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me / And Your promises are my delight

Even what the enemy means for evil / You turn it for our good / You turn it for our good / And for Your glory
Even in the valley You are faithful / You're working for our good / You're working for our good / And for Your glory
(REPEAT)

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Call to Confession

Ethan Smith

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship and witnessing are high, and we are nowhere to be found: God forgive. When we wash our hands of responsibility: God forgive. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; and the freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. In the name of Jesus, the Risen One, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

¹³ You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:13-14

God Be Merciful To Me

God be merciful to me / On Thy grace I rest my plea / Plenteous in compassion Thou
Blot out my transgressions now / Wash me make me pure within / Cleanse O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess / Grief and guilt my soul oppress / I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face / I confess Thy judgment just / Speechless I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born in sin / Thou desirest truth within / Thou alone my Savior art
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart / Make me pure Thy grace be-stow / Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken humbled to the dust / By Thy wrath and judgment just / Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice / From my sins O hide Thy face / Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God my heart renew / Make my spirit right and true / Cast me not away from Thee
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me / Thy salvation's joy im-part / Steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me / And return O God to Thee / Savior all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing Thy love / Touch my silent lips O Lord / And my mouth shall praise accord

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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

Sarah Beam

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

"Intervention"

David Speakman

⁴ But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶ So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

⁷ And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹ And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

¹¹ Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." ¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O Lord, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

¹⁷ And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 1:4-17

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

Behold The Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away / Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith / Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace / Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ / Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life / Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love / Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin / Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in / To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace / Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise / To respond and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ / As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering / We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven / Around the table of the King

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Benediction

¹³ 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

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.

Indoor Nursing Rooms: Rooms 103 & 104 are available as nursing rooms for both the indoor and outdoor services. For the safety of everyone, but especially these precious new babies, please wear a mask while indoors and maintain social distance if you are in these spaces with another mother and infant.

Toddler Sensory Playtime: On Friday, April 23rd, 10:00-11:00am, we will play in individual sensory boxes and explore the colors of God's beautiful creation. All of our activities will remain in groups of families, keeping social distancing in mind. Deadline to register is April 18th. hopechurchws.org/playtime

Middle School Movie Night: Middle schoolers, come join us for a bonfire and movie night in Anneliese Deets' backyard this Friday, April 23rd from 7:30-9:30pm! We'll set up our lawn chairs, enjoy some s'mores and popcorn, and watch a movie outside on the big screen! For more details, or for the Deets' address, please contact Davis Mooney at 423-255-6862.

Summer Ministry Internship: Hope Church has a staff opening for a part-time summer intern, beginning in May/June. The position is intended to provide ministry experience to a college-aged man or woman. See the job description or apply on our website. hopechurchws.org/internship

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

We'd love to hear from you about your interests in serving our community. Please fill out this form to help us plan future service opportunities: <https://is.gd/servevs>

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

The Muslim Community

While increasing millions are turning to Muhammad instead of Christ, Jesus continues to lovingly reveal himself to seeking hearts. The Muslim holy month of Ramadan starts at sundown on Monday, April 12th. Muslims will fast and intentionally seek Allah for 30 days.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Muslims to encounter Jesus Christ through visions, dreams, and faithful witnesses.
- Pray for courage and perseverance to follow Jesus when it means loss of family, future, and even life.
- Pray for all efforts to silence the Gospel to instead propel it across the Muslim world.

Website: prayercast.com/islam