

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

May 2nd, 2021

### *Indoor Worship Service*

“O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.”

George Matheson

“It is not so much that case that God has a mission for his church in the world as that God has a church for his mission in the world; Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission - God's mission.”

Christopher Wright

“The Christian life, far from transforming us into super-spiritual, quasi-angelic beings, is actually a quest to recover our humanity.”

Michael Wittmer

“God speaks to us: not only to move us to do what he wants, but to enable us to know him so that we may love him. Therefore, God sends his word to us in the character of both information and invitation. It comes to woo us as well as to instruct us; it not merely puts us in the picture of what God has done and is doing but also calls us into personal communion with the loving Lord himself.”

JI Packer, *Knowing God*

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

### **Call to Worship**

O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Isaiah 25:1, 8-9

### **O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing / My great Redeemer's praise!  
The glories of my God and King / The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus the name that charms our fears / That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears / 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin / He sets the pris'ner free!  
His blood can make the foulest clean / His blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to His voice / New life the dead receive;  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice / The humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God / Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad / The honors of Thy name.

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### **Behold Our God**

Who has held the oceans in His hands / Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice / All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne / Come let us adore Him*  
*Behold our King nothing can compare / Come let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord / Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things / Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hand / Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave / Jesus Savior risen now to reign

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth) (REPEAT 4X)

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### **Call to Confession**

**Davis Mooney**

#### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be revered...By faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Psalm 130:3-4; Romans 5:1

#### **Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look To Jesus)**

Come ye souls by sin afflicted / Bowed with fruitless sorrow down  
By the broken law convicted / Through the cross behold the crown  
Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus / Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it / Love will make your obedience sweet  
Christ will give you strength to bear it / While His grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory safe to glory safe to glory / Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him / Bless the ears that hear His voice  
Blessed are the souls that trust Him / And in Him alone rejoice  
His commandments His commandments His commandments / Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary / Light to newly opened eyes  
Like full springs in deserts dreary / Is the rest the cross supplies  
All who taste it all who taste it all who taste it / Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus / Mercy flows through Him alone

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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**

**Ned Erickson**

### **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**

### **“Our Second-time God”**

**David Speakman**

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>6</sup> The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup> And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, <sup>8</sup> but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Jonah 3:1-10

**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**

### **And Can It Be**

And can it be that I should gain / An interest in the Savior's blood  
Died He for me who caused His pain / For me who Him to death pursued  
Amazing love how can it be / That Thou my God shouldst die for me  
Amazing love how can it be / That Thou my God shouldst die for me  
Amazing love how can it be / That Thou my God shouldst die for me

He left His Father's throne above / So free so infinite His grace  
Humbled Himself so great His love / And bled for Adam's helpless race  
'Tis mercy all immense and free / For O my God it found out me  
Amazing love how can it be / That Thou my God shouldst die for me  
Amazing love how can it be / That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay / Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray / I woke the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off my heart was free / I rose went forth and followed Thee  
Amazing love how can it be / That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Amazing love how can it be / That Thou my God shouldst die for me

No condemnation now I dread / Jesus and all in Him is mine  
Alive in Him my living Head / And clothed in righteousness divine  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne / And claim the crown through Christ my own  
Amazing love how can it be / That Thou my God shouldst die for me  
Amazing love how can it be / That Thou my God shouldst die for me

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### **Benediction**

<sup>13</sup> 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

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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**

**New Sunday School Course - "What is the Bible?":** The Bible is a strange book. If you start at the beginning (where else would you begin?) it reads pretty smoothly, like a story—an ancient story, but a story nonetheless. But then you come to Leviticus... And if you're confused, you're not alone. These next four weeks we'll explore not so much what the Bible is about, although some of that will come through, but what exactly it is. The goal is to help you read and understand the Bible more intelligently and live its truth more fruitfully.

Adults and youth are both welcome to join us at 10:00am on Sunday, in-person or via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82830709790>

**Opportunity for Prayer:** During both worship services a team of people including elders as well as some of our women in leadership will be available to pray. For women who feel more comfortable praying with another woman,

please indicate this preference when you come for prayer. During the indoor service, the team will be in the kitchen and during the outdoor service the team will be at the foyer between the Worship Hall and the Education Building.

**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.

**Churchwide Camping Trip:** All Hope members and friends, young and old, are welcome to join us for an overnight trip to Stone Mountain Park, May 7th-8th. Cost is free, but space is limited, so please register ASAP! [hopechurchws.org/camping](http://hopechurchws.org/camping)

**All Youth & Families BBQ:** High school and middle school students, bring your families and come join us as we finish the school year and look forward to the summer! We'll enjoy some time to hang out and play lawn games at the church (cornhole, badminton, gaga ball, etc) at 5:30pm on Sunday, May 23rd. Then we'll enjoy a catered, picnic-style barbecue dinner together. Register your family at [hopechurchws.org/youthbbq](http://hopechurchws.org/youthbbq).

**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](http://hopechurchws.org/lifegroups)

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

**Caroline Bell Peterson** is on staff at Port City YoungLife. She oversees ministry and leads students at New Hanover High School, and also leads at the University of North Carolina Wilmington with her husband, Tyler.

### Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for a season of ministry that has been full despite the COVID-19 precautions they have been taking
- Praise the Lord for time spent with high school girls at New Hanover High through the opportunity to coach the soccer team
- Pray for their summer camp trip, especially for one set of friends: a junior and a senior girl, both on the soccer team, to come to camp and hear the good news of the Gospel
- Pray for Caroline's time and schedule as the pace at work has increased rapidly. Pray she will listen for the Lord's voice and follow HIS direction for how to spend her time.

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## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**RUF Wake Forest Needs Volunteers:** From campus minister, John Bourgeois: On Tuesday 5/4 we're having our end of year picnic at Hope from 5:30-7pm. We're going to get dinner catered and need church volunteers to serve the food. If you can serve, please contact Susan Williams - [susan.williams@ruf.org](mailto:susan.williams@ruf.org).

**Survey:** 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>