

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

May 16th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“That God is love, that he has set his love upon us, that he loves us still, and that his love will never let us go, is the foundation not only of all reality, but of Christian confidence and Christian stability too. Our stability is not only impossible, but actually inconceivable, apart from the steadfastness of the love of God.”

John Stott

“It might sound strange to consider grief a way to compassion. But it is. Grief asks me to allow the sins of the world—my own included—to pierce my heart and make me shed tears, many tears, for them. ... I am beginning to see that much of praying is grieving. This grief is so deep not just because the human sin is so great, but also—and more so—because the divine love is so boundless.”

Henri Nouwen

“Sometimes I’m up, sometimes I’m down
Oh, yes, Lord
Sometimes I’m almost level to the ground
Oh, yes, Lord
Oh, nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen
Nobody knows but Jesus
Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen
Glory, hallelujah!”

Traditional African-American Spiritual

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

The Lord is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
Therefore let us give thanks to the Lord,
call upon His name,
make know His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.

Psalms 145:18; Isaiah 12:4

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners poor and wretched / Weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you / Full of pity joined with power
He is able He is able / He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy come and welcome / God’s free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh
Without money without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you’re better / You will never come at all

Not the righteous not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger / Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you this He gives you / 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good

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Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment You are forever / Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal / Love everlasting reigning on high

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty / Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain / Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name / Be unto Your name*

We are the broken You are the healer / Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever / Bowing before You blessing Your name

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Call to Confession

Michael Kuehn

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Forgive us, O Lord. Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above, / I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, / Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, / My name is written on His heart; / I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart. / No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, / And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there / Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, / My sinful soul is counted free; / For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me. / To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, / My perfect, spotless Righteousness,

The great unchangeable I AM, / The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, / My soul is purchased by His blood; / My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God / With Christ, my Savior and my God

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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

Joan Mitchell

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

“A Song for When There's Nothing Left”

Ethan Smith

¹ The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel:

² Hear this, you elders; / give ear, all inhabitants of the land! / Has such a thing happened in your days, / or in the days of your fathers? / ³ Tell your children of it, / and let your children tell their children, / and their children to another generation.

⁴ What the cutting locust left, / the swarming locust has eaten. / What the swarming locust left, / the hopping locust has eaten, / and what the hopping locust left, / the destroying locust has eaten.

⁵ Awake, you drunkards, and weep, / and wail, all you drinkers of wine, / because of the sweet wine, / for it is cut off from your mouth. / ⁶ For a nation has come up against my land, / powerful and beyond number; / its teeth are lions' teeth, / and it has the fangs of a lioness. / ⁷ It has laid waste my vine / and splintered my fig tree; / it has stripped off their bark and thrown it down; / their branches are made white.

⁸ Lament like a virgin wearing sackcloth / for the bridegroom of her youth. / ⁹ The grain offering and the drink offering are cut off / from the house of the Lord. / The priests mourn, / the ministers of the Lord. / ¹⁰ The fields are destroyed, / the ground mourns, / because the grain is destroyed, / the wine dries up, / the oil languishes.

¹¹ Be ashamed, O tillers of the soil; / wail, O vinedressers, / for the wheat and the barley, / because the harvest of the field has perished. / ¹² The vine dries up; / the fig tree languishes. / Pomegranate, palm, and apple, / all the trees of the field are dried up, / and gladness dries up / from the children of man.

¹³ Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests; / wail, O ministers of the altar. / Go in, pass the night in sackcloth, / O ministers of my God! / Because grain offering and drink offering / are withheld from the house of your God.

¹⁴ Consecrate a fast; / call a solemn assembly. / Gather the elders / and all the inhabitants of the land / to the house of the Lord your God, / and cry out to the Lord.

¹⁵ Alas for the day! / For the day of the Lord is near, / and as destruction from the Almighty it comes. / ¹⁶ Is not the food cut off / before our eyes, / joy and gladness / from the house of our God?

¹⁷ The seed shrivels under the clods; / the storehouses are desolate; / the granaries are torn down / because the grain has dried up. / ¹⁸ How the beasts groan! / The herds of cattle are perplexed / because there is no pasture for them; / even the flocks of sheep suffer.

¹⁹ To you, O Lord, I call. / For fire has devoured / the pastures of the wilderness, / and flame has burned / all the trees of the field. / ²⁰ Even the beasts of the field pant for you / because the water brooks are dried up, / and fire has devoured / the pastures of the wilderness.

¹ Blow a trumpet in Zion; / sound an alarm on my holy mountain! / Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, / for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near, / ² a day of darkness and gloom, / a day of clouds and thick darkness! / Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains / a great and powerful people; / their like has never been before, / nor will be again after them / through the years of all generations.

³ Fire devours before them, / and behind them a flame burns. / The land is like the garden of Eden before them, / but behind them a desolate wilderness, / and nothing escapes them.

⁴ Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, / and like war horses they run. / As with the rumbling of chariots, / they leap on the tops of the mountains, / like the crackling of a flame of fire / devouring the stubble, / like a powerful army / drawn up for battle.

⁶ Before them peoples are in anguish; / all faces grow pale. / ⁷ Like warriors they charge; / like soldiers they scale the wall. / They march each on his way; / they do not swerve from their paths. / ⁸ They do not jostle one another; / each marches in his path; / they burst through the weapons / and are not halted. / ⁹ They leap upon the city, / they run upon the walls, / they climb up into the houses, / they enter through the windows like a thief.

¹⁰ The earth quakes before them; / the heavens tremble. / The sun and the moon are darkened, / and the stars withdraw their shining. / ¹¹ The Lord utters his voice / before his army, / for his camp is exceedingly great; / he who executes his word is powerful. / For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; / who can endure it?

Joel 1:1-2:11

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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand / And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land / Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains / Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns / And scatters night away

I am bound I am bound / I am bound for the promised land
I am bound I am bound / I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath / Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness sorrow pain and death / Are felt and feared no more

When shall I see that happy place / And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face / And in His bosom rest

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Benediction

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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

Men's Meetchup: Our next informal men's gathering is Thursday, May 20th, 7:30-9:30pm (come and go as needed) at Fiddlin' Fish Brewing Company. All are welcome.

Parents' Morning Out: We are bringing back Parents' Morning Out on May 22nd from 9:30-11:00am outside for walkers-3rd grade. Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed! Space is limited and registration is required. hopechurchws.org/pmo

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.

Opportunity for Prayer: During both worship services a team of elders will be available to pray. 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.

Hope Finance Committee: The Finance Committee meets once a month to review the finances of the church, make recommendations, create the budget, and present the financial situation to the congregation. We are looking to add a few new members to replace those rotating off. No financial expertise is required, but a financial background is certainly helpful. If you are interested in serving, please contact Jeff Trollinger (Committee chair) at trollingers@earthlink.net or 336-575-5220.

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

Lost & Found: Please check the hallway outside the office for lost clothing, travel mugs, water bottles, and other items you may have lost at Hope. Email office@hopechurchws.org for more information.

Job Opening: Hope Church is actively looking to fill our upcoming vacancy at the key position of church Sexton. Please pray with us for God's provision, and please help us connect with anyone who you know may be interested. The position is part-time and will begin at 10-12 hours per week. Contact [Ethan Smith](#) or [Jeanne Lenham](#) for more information. [>>Job Description](#)

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Founded in 1989, **The Barnabas Center** is a nonprofit, non denominational, Christ-centered counseling, training and teaching ministry. The Barnabas name, which means "son of encouragement," communicates our desire to encourage people by coming alongside them, entering into their daily struggles, and walking with them toward freedom.

Prayer Requests:

- The Barnabas Center is in the process of hiring a new counselor, prayer for this process would be greatly appreciated.
- Prayers that the Lord would sustain them as they deal with a high demand for counseling.

Contact Information: bjones@thebarnabascenter.org

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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/servews>