

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

July 18th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“I wonder
If there is any image more beautiful
Than the embrace of the one
Who trains, equips, releases you
And when you fail
Still embraces you
And reminds you that your value
Comes from who you are
Not what you did.”

Sarah Yardley

“The life of grace is not an effort on our part to achieve a goal we set ourselves. It is a continually renewed attempt simply to believe that someone else has done all the achieving that is needed and to live in relationship with that person, whether we achieve or not. If that doesn't seem like much to you, you're right: it isn't. And, as a matter of fact, the life of grace is even less than that. It's not even our life at all, but the life of that Someone Else rising like a tide in the ruins of our death.”

Robert Capon, *Between Noon & Three*

“If Christ isn't really King, then another god with another story of change is needed to get through the day.”

Brian Fikkert and Kelly Kapic, *Becoming Whole*

CALL TO WORSHIP

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
sing praises to the Lord,
to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.
Awesome is God from his sanctuary;
the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!

Psalms 68:32-35

Arise My Soul Arise

Arise my soul arise / Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice / On my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands / Before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

Arise (arise) arise (arise) / Arise arise my soul arise
Arise (arise) arise (arise) / Arise arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above / For me to intercede
His all-redeeming love / His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race / His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Five bleeding wounds He bears / Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers / They strongly plead for me
Forgive him O forgive they cry / Forgive him O forgive they cry
Don't let that ransomed sinner die

My God is reconciled / His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child / I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh / With confidence I now draw nigh
And Father Abba Father cry

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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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CALL TO CONFESSION

Thomas Laws

Confession of Sin

Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; yet we're driven by the need for still more - and it easily seems to control us. We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become, and for losing our way without even realizing it. In your tender love, forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one we need. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:3-5

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us / How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son / To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss / The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One / Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross / My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice / Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there / Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life / I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything / No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ / His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward / I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart / His wounds have paid my ransom

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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

Lindsay Musser

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

"The Mathematics of Grace"

Ethan Smith

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been

buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And 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. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 2:8-3:3

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

All: *Thanks be to God*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

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.

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin / Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again / Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow / That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know / Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see / Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea / Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone / Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done / Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace / Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness / Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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BENEDICTION

“⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 15:5-6

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

Visitors: text **new2hope** to 94000. We would love to know you joined us for worship!

Prayer Requests: text **hopeprayers** to 94000 if you would like to send us your prayer requests.

Childcare During the Indoor Worship Service: Indoor childcare for infants-36 months is available by reservation. Space is limited! Room 103 is available for single family use, if the nursery capacity is reached.

Mother's Nursing Room: The indoor nursing room is available for both the indoor and outdoor services. For the safety of everyone, but especially these precious new babies, please use wise judgment concerning social distancing.

Summer Nights at Hope: Bring a picnic dinner and the whole family on Sunday, July 25th at 7:00pm for an evening of church fellowship. We will have live music by The Pharaoh Sisters.

Discovering Hope: August 6th (7:30-9:00pm) and 7th (9:00am-12:00pm) Discovering Hope is our weekend course on the history, vision, and values of Hope Church, as well as what it means to be a member. The course is free and open to all, and childcare reimbursement is available. Register at hopechurchws.org/discoveringhope.

Toddler Sensory Playtime: Our next playtime will be on Thursday, August 12th, 9:00-10:00am. RSVP by August 9th at hopechurchws.org/playtime.

Prayer Opportunities: Prayer is available during both worship services. During the indoor service, there will be two locations at the back of the worship center. During the outdoor service, Elders will be available just outside of the worship center to the left of the worship band and women will be available in Ethan and Davis' office.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Neil MacMillan serves in Scotland through Cornerstone church, where he is the head pastor. Additionally, he works as the Director of Church Planting for his denomination (the Free Church of Scotland). Through his position as Director of Church Planting, he has been asked to plant 30 churches by 2030!

Prayer Requests: Their church was finally able to reopen in mid-April, after being closed for both Covid restrictions and construction - the newly renovated building is a huge answer to prayer in addition to being able to meet in person once again. They are greatly encouraged by how enthusiastic the congregation has been to gather together for worship and especially for the people who have started attending church for the first time. Pray the congregations enthusiasm to continue and for the newcomers to come to know Christ in a personal relationship. Recently the church started a new Spanish outreach service, which has been getting a great response in the Latino community in Edinburgh - pray that this group will thrive and bring many to Christ. Additionally, pray for the 30 churches that Neil is supposed to help plant and that God would pave the way and provide for each church plant in His perfect timing. Pray also for Neil and his family, as they will go on sabbatical September-December, for some time to rest, recharge, and prepare for this next season of ministry.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Hope Springs Volunteers: Hope Springs is looking for volunteers as we start back serving our special needs families during the Sunday services.. Anyone 18 and older is welcome to respond and we will give you details. It is a small time commitment with huge blessings. Please email Sue Spainhour at Spainhourj13@gmail.com, if you would like more information.

Meals Needed:

- Aldhizer Family - TakeThemAMeal.com/VFZA1383
- Deets Family - TakeThemAMeal.com/XARR8907

Food Drive: We're holding another food drive for Clemmons Food Pantry on Sunday, July 25th. There will be volunteers under a tent on the lawn ready to accept your non-perishable and canned donations in between the worship services (from 10:00-11:00am), or during our Hope Summer Nights celebration that evening (7:00pm). The Clemmons Food Pantry is in need of baking goods, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, and jellies or jams.