

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

July 4th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“No, the Bible isn’t a book of rules, or a book of heroes. The Bible is most of all a Story. It’s an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It’s a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne - everything - to rescue the one he loves. It’s like the most wonderful of fairy tales that has come true in real life! You see, the best thing about this Story is - it’s true!”

Sally Lloyd-Jones, Introduction to *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

“For this is the marriage of heaven and earth: Perfect Myth and Perfect Fact: claiming not only our love and our obedience, but also our wonder and delight, addressed to the child and the poet in each of us no less than to the moralist and the philosopher.”

C.S. Lewis, "Myth Became Fact" in *God in the Dock*

“On the third day He rose from the dead, showed Himself to His disciples for forty days, then ascended into heaven to receive His glory at the Father’s right hand. He sealed His victory over sin and death by sending the Spirit from the throne. Now He is Lord of the universe, and Head of His body, the church. All of history unfolds to complete the story of Jesus, until the day that He comes again.”

Edmund P. Clowney, *The Unfolding Mystery: Discovering Christ in the Old Testament*

CALL TO WORSHIP

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, / the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns / all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing / of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King / through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; / behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, / in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky / can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye / at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; / whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, / absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; / and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend / their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, / the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, / ineffably sublime:

all hail, Redeemer, hail! / for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail / throughout eternity.

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What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning / One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation / Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is / What a beautiful Name it is / The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is / Nothing compares to this / What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

You didn't want heaven without us / So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater / What could separate us now

*What a wonderful Name it is / What a wonderful Name it is / The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is / Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is / The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is / The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You / The veil tore before You / You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring / The praise of Your glory / For You are raised to life again

You have no rival / You have no equal / Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom / Yours is the glory / Yours is the Name above all names

*What a powerful Name it is / What a powerful Name it is / The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is / Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is / The Name of Jesus*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Thomas Laws

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
Ephesians 1:7

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us / How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven / And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness / Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished the end is written / Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy / What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory / To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven / The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever / Jesus Christ my living hope

***Hallelujah praise the One who set me free / Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain / There's salvation in Your name / Jesus Christ my living hope***

Then came the morning that sealed the promise / Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion / Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)

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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

Ethan Smith

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

Davis Mooney

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Who’s Writing Your Story?”

Davis Mooney

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 1:15-23

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.

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

'Tis mystery all th'Immortal dies / Who can explore His strange design
In vain the firstborn seraph tries / To sound the depths of love divine
'Tis mercy all let earth adore / Let angel minds inquire no more
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

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

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

BENEDICTION

“May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

2 Peter 1:2

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.

Youth Service Camp: Students who have completed 6-12th grade are invited to join us at Love Out Loud Student Camp on July 5-9th from 8:30am-8:00pm. The cost for the week is \$125, which includes lunch and dinner each day (scholarships available). Contact Davis Mooney (423-255-6862 or dmooney@hopechurchws.org) if you're interested in coming.

Toddler Sensory Playtime: Our next playtime will be on Wednesday, July 14th, 9:00-10:00am. RSVP by July 11th at hopechurchws.org/playtime.

Childcare During the Indoor Worship Service: Indoor childcare for infants-36 months is available by reservation. Space is limited! The mother's nursing rooms in 103 & 104 are also available.

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.

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. hopechurchws.org/sexton

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

Gary and Robin Alward

The Alward family has spent a little over a year back in the states after 23 years of serving overseas in Thailand and are doing their best to establish a new normal. Gary's role with Campus Outreach continues to evolve as he is working to support Campus Outreach staff in several foreign countries. Although Covid has greatly affected Gary's work, they have continued to find ways to make it work through lots of prayer and virtual meetings.

Prayer Requests: Pray for the Alward family as they continue to try to make America their home after more than two decades of living in another culture - this is a huge transition for their family. They also ask that we pray for their youngest two kids, John and Becca, who have made this move during a pandemic and while trying to balance school online. Last year, Gary had surgery on his ear and it is still not at 100%, so they ask that you pray for quick healing and relief for him.

Contact Information: gary.alward@campusoutreach.org

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Meals Needed:

- DJ and Annelise Whittemore - TakeThemAMeal.com/IKPF3362
- Reid and Hannah Palmer - TakeThemAMeal.com/ARBD1008
- Richard and Jessica Shore - TakeThemAMeal.com/SIDK5673

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.

Watering Church Flowers: Once again, we want to thank Susan Mitchell for our beautiful outside floral creations. We are asking for help to keep these watered during the hot summer months.
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