

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

August 8th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“There will always be worse deaths than you expected. But [God] says he raises you from them, and if you believe that, you’re finally free.”

Robert Capon

“[The] outpouring love & support I’ve received has made me realize I’m more than my accomplishments and gymnastics which I never truly believed before.”

Simone Biles

“In whatever trouble comes to us, we should always set our eyes on God’s purpose to train us to think little of this present life and inspire us to think more about the future life. For God knows well that we are greatly inclined to love this world by natural instinct. Thus, He uses the best means to draw us back and shake us from our slumber, so that we don’t become entirely stuck in the mire of our love for this world.”

John Calvin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Psalm 98:4-6

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee / God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee / Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness / Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness / Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee / Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee / Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain / Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain / Call us to rejoice in Thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving / Ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living / Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our brother / All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other / Lift us to the joy divine!

Mortals join the happy chorus / Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o’er us / Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward / Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward / In the triumph song of life.

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done / Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore / Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more / Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam / What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor / Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us / His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford / Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Jackson Cole

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we have sinned countless times. We have been guilty of pride and unbelief, and have neglected to seek you in our daily lives. Please forgive us. We thank you that though our sins accuse us, they will not stand against us, for all has been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

Stronger

There is Love that came for us / Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness / You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny / Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free / Jesus Christ who lives in me

*You are stronger / You are stronger / Sin is broken / You have saved me
It is written / Christ is risen / Jesus You are Lord of all*

No beginning and no end / You're my hope and my defence
You came to seek and save the lost / You paid it all upon the cross

So let Your Name be lifted higher / Be lifted higher / Be lifted higher

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The Covenant of Baptism and Membership

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

Ethan Smith

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Such a Great Cloud of Witnesses”

Ethan Smith

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹ and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹ and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Colossians 4:2-18

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.

Take My Life And Let It Be

Take my life and let it be / Consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days / Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move / At the impulse of Thy love

Take my feet and let them be / Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing / Always only for my King

Take my lips and let them be / Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold / Not a mite would I withhold

Take my intellect and use / Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Take my will and make it Thine / It shall be no longer mine

Take my heart it is Thine own / It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love my Lord I pour / At Thy feet its treasure store

Take myself and I will be / Ever only all for Thee

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BENEDICTION

“May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

based on Philippians 4:7

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.

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

Slip 'n Slide: Come join us for slip 'n slide fun and icy snacks on August 12th, 9-10:30am and 3:30-5pm! Feel free to invite friends. Space is limited. Registration is required! hopechurchws.org/slip-n-slide

Summer Nights at Hope: Bring a picnic dinner and the whole family on Sunday, August 15th at 7:00pm for an evening of church fellowship. We will have live music by Ryan Newcomb.

Women's Bible Study: Registration is now open for our Fall Bible Study of 1 Peter. We will have two meeting times beginning September 7th: Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm and Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. Childcare will be provided on Wednesday mornings. Our registration deadline is Wednesday, September 1st. Register at hopechurchws.org/womens-ministry

Women's Wednesday Evening Study: Our Wednesday evening women's group will continue to meet this Fall. Details on content and registration coming soon.

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

Cynthia Ruble works in Japan with Life Hope Network, offering hope and help to pregnant women. The women are able to stay at a place where they are given the care that they need, driven to doctors appointments, provided with proper nutrition and given the information they need to make a decision about putting their baby up for adoption or raising their child (the government frequently encourages these women to get abortions, even late term). Cynthia provides these young women with the support that they need, encouraging them and sharing Christ with them. Even after the women have had their baby, she tries to stay in touch with them and continue to offer encouragement and support.

Prayer Requests: Cynthia is very encouraged to hear about the women who were former "homestays" (stayed with her) who continue to do well - you can pray for one of these women who is currently working to get her child out of the orphanage. You can also pray for one of the women who was recently brought to her, who Cynthia says has many issues and emotional illness. Cynthia asks that you pray she will have the strength to care for this young woman. Recently, Cynthia has had multiple women at the Homestay who have expressed interest in and been willing to attend church - pray that these women will come to have a relationship with Christ.

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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