

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

September 5th, 2021

### *Indoor Worship Service*

“Tomorrow can bring us nothing,  
But He will bear us through:  
Who gives the lilies clothing  
Will clothe His people, too:  
Beneath the spreading heavens  
No creature but is fed;  
And He Who feeds the ravens  
Will give His children bread.”

William Cowper, “Sometimes a Light Surprises”

“The prodigal son, we are told, went to a far country and there spent all that he had. A far country! It is this unique definition of our human condition that we must assume and make ours as we begin our approach to God. A man who has never had that experience, be it only very briefly, who has never felt that he is exiled from God and from real life, will never understand what Christianity is about. And the one who is perfectly ‘at home’ in this world and its life, who has never been wounded by the nostalgic desire for another Reality, will not understand what is repentance.”

Alexander Schmemmann, *Great Lent*

“Before the pandemic, we knew we were going to die, but we did not believe it. Maybe we believed it, but considered it a problem to be dealt with later. In the meantime, exercise and a reasonable diet was the tithes we paid to our fears. We believed we had time. ... It seems that Covid-19 has dealt a collective trauma to the American consciousness and that the full fruit of that trauma remains uncertain. One thing is clear: Our previous normal was not as good as we thought it was.”

Esau McCaulley, “We Weren’t Happy Before the Pandemic, Either”

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,  
out of the mud and mire;  
he set my feet on a rock  
and gave me a firm place to stand.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear the Lord  
and put their trust in him.

Psalm 40:1-3

## **Rising Sun**

Praise Him all you sinners / Sing oh sing you weary / Oh praise Him all you children of God  
We lift high His glory / Shown throughout our stories / We praise Him as the children of God

*Our great Redeemer glorious Savior / Your Name is higher than the rising sun*

*Light of the morning You shine forever / Your Name is higher than the rising sun  
Your Name is higher than the rising sun*

Praise His Name forever / Speak it loud and clear now / Oh praise Him all you children of God

Hallelujah name above all / Simply to speak Your Name is praise  
Hallelujah now and always / Forever we lift Your Name in praise  
Hallelujah our God You reign / Simply to speak Your Name is praise

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### **Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah / Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty / Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven / Feed me now and evermore / Bread of heaven / Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain / Whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar / Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer / Be Thou still my Strength and Shield. / Strong Deliverer / Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan / Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction / Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee / Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side / Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears  
Land me safe on Canaan's side / Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Michael Kuehn**

### **Confession of Sin**

Most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

## House Of God Forever

God is my shepherd / I won't be wanting / I won't be wanting  
He makes me rest in fields of green / With quiet streams / Even though I walk through the valley  
Of death and dying / I will not fear 'cause You are with me / You are with me

*Your shepherd's staff comforts me / You are my feast in the presence of enemies*  
*Surely goodness will follow me / Follow me*  
*In the house of God forever*

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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

Andrew Applegate

## 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 God of the Mission”

Ethan Smith

<sup>32</sup> “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Luke 12:32

**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.

### **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**

“May the kindness and tender mercy of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, follow you all the days of your life, and may you safely dwell in his eternal peace.”

based on Psalm 23:6

## **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.

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## LIFE TOGETHER

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

**Toddler Sensory Playtime:** Our next playtimes will be on Friday, September 10th and Tuesday, September 14th, 9:30-10:30am. RSVP by September 8th and 12th at [hopechurchws.org/playtime](https://hopechurchws.org/playtime).

**Memorial Service:** Hope Church will host a memorial service for Lauren Kossler on September 11th at 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend either in-person or via livestream. If you would like to provide food or drinks for the Kossler's private reception after the service, please visit: [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FAEAD29A6FC1-kossler](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4FAEAD29A6FC1-kossler)

**Hope Youth Ministry Fall Kick-Off:** High school and middle school students (grades 6-12), bring your families and join us as we kick-off the youth ministry calendar for the Fall! We'll meet outside at the church at 5:00pm on Sunday, September 12th and enjoy some time playing lawn games (cornhole, badminton, gaga ball, etc) together. Then, we'll have a picnic (please bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets) as we eat some barbecue and recognize our new 6th graders, rising 9th graders, and seniors. Every student who comes gets a free Hope Youth t-shirt!

**Adult Sunday School:** Begins September 19th! "What three things does God want most from us?" Rev. Gerald Chrisco will lead us in a weekly discussion seeking the answer to this question from Scripture. We will meet upstairs from 10:00-10:45am each week in the Adult Sunday School room. All are welcome!

**Youth and Children's Sunday School:** Look for more details coming soon on Youth and Children's Sunday School classes with Nursery for the fall. All will be held outside during the 10:00am Sunday School hour beginning in September.

**Summer Nights at Hope:** Join us on September 19th at 5:00pm for our rescheduled lawn party. We will have musical guest Ryan Newcomb and Kona Ice.

**Bird Songs: A Concert by Michael Kuehn:** Please join us on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for the premiere performance of *Bird Songs*, a suite of ten piano pieces composed by Michael Kuehn. The performance will be accompanied by the photography of Hazel Kuehn which served as inspiration for the pieces.

**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.

**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

**Debbie Harrell** Serves in the United States through Serge. Her primary work is to encourage MKs (Missionary Kids) and TCKs (Third Culture Kids) who live overseas and those who have come to the States for college. She works to make sure that these young people have the support and community that they need, that the students in the States are re-adjusting to the culture okay and to make sure that no one is left feeling like they are without community. This is big and important work! She is also mentoring several missionary teachers serving overseas, was recently certified to start debriefing missionary families and is weekly meeting with 80+ MKs in individual zoom hangouts.

**Prayer Requests:** Debbie asked that we pray for her as she continues to grieve the loss of her friend Tripp Sanders and her Step-Dad George - this has been a hard season for her. She is currently raising support since she was promoted to the role of TCK Resource Team Leader and support raising can be difficult work, so she asks that we pray for this to go well and for encouragement along the way. Debbie is in the process of planning an international conference for 2022 and asks that we pray for the planning process and the team who will be planning and leading it. Additionally, Debbie asks that we pray for all the TCKs and MKs she is meeting with on zoom - pray that it would be a time of blessing for all parties involved and that it would lead to deep connections/friendships. She also asks that we pray for her and the teachers she is mentoring - pray that she will know exactly how to best support and encourage these teachers while they are overseas. Pray also for her husband, Jason, who works in healthcare and for her daughter Sarah who continues with grad school.

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## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Hope Church has nurtured an ongoing relationship with Speas Elementary School for many years. One of the fruits of this partnership is our annual School Supply drive for this Title 1 school. We hope you will consider donating some of the supplies listed below.

- kid size disposable face masks
- antibacterial wipes
- pencil boxes/pouches
- crayons
- no. 2 pencils
- glue sticks
- wide ruled composition book
- graph/grid composition books
- colored pencils

Here is a link to Speas' school supply wish list on Amazon. (Each item is notated with the shipping address of Speas Elementary if you would like to have your purchases mailed directly to the school).

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y0N74EKVUMG1?ref\\_=abls\\_nvfly\\_yl](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y0N74EKVUMG1?ref_=abls_nvfly_yl)

Or if you'd prefer to buy supplies elsewhere, we will have a donation box set up outside of Hope's office through Sunday (9/12).