

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

October 10th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“We ask, “Where does God fit into the story of my life?” when the real question is, “Where does my little life fit into the great story of God’s mission?”

Christopher Wright

“We must not lag behind the king in some kind of unwarranted pessimism as though his first coming and present reign do not make a difference. We must not run ahead of the king in some kind of unwarranted triumphalism as though we’re going to make utopia here before he comes again. We keep in step with the king.”

David Jones

“Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side? Who for Him will go?
By Thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side. Savior, we are Thine!”

Frances Havergal

CALL TO WORSHIP

“The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!”

Psalms 99:1-3

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings, / The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas / His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white, / Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair
In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass / He speaks to me ev'rywhere

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, / God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world, The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied / And earth and heaven be one

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy holy holy / Lord God Almighty / Early in the morning / Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy / Merciful and mighty / God in three persons / Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy / All the saints adore Thee / Casting down their golden crowns / Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim / Falling down before Thee / Who wert and art and / Evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy / Though the darkness hide Thee / Though the eye of sinful man / Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy / There is none beside Thee / Perfect in power, in / Love and purity

Holy holy holy / Lord God Almighty / All Thy works shall praise Thy name / In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy / Merciful and mighty / God in three persons / Blessed Trinity

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and our stubbornness in the face of correction. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:22-24

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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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

Delane Clark

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

David Speakman

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“The Lord Who Takes Over - Not Sides”

David Speakman

¹³ When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” ¹⁴ And he said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?” ¹⁵ And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Joshua 5:13-15

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.

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands / Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice / All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on His throne / Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare / Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord / Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things / Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hand / Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave / Jesus Savior risen now to reign

You will reign forever / (Let Your glory fill the earth) (REPEAT 3X)
You will reign forever / (Let Your glory fill)

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BENEDICTION

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

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

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

College Care Packages: We would like to send a care package to your college student(s) to encourage them! Please be sure to register your student(s) by **October 11th**. Also, please be sure to let us know if your student(s) have any allergies/intolerances that we should know about since we would like to send them some snacks/baked treats. hopechurchws.org/college

Toddler Sensory Playtime; October 12th, 9:30-10:30am: We will play in individual sensory boxes and explore the colors of God's beautiful creation. All of our activities will remain in groups of families, keeping social distancing in mind. Please bring a towel or washable blanket to use as your family station. hopechurchws.org/playtime

Fall Festival: Join us on October 24th at 5:00pm for a Fall Fest! There will be pumpkin painting, relay races, trunk-or-treat, grilled hot dogs (servers will be wearing a mask and gloves) + sides and plenty more fun! Join us for this evening of community and celebration of Fall! Feel free to wear a costume.

- We need volunteers to host a trunk for our Trunk-or-Treat. Visit hopechurchws.org/trunk for more details and to sign up.

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

Roy and Rebe Clifford

After 15 months in the States, the Cliffords were finally able to return to their home in the Dominican Republic after God provided Rebe's US citizenship (an answer to prayer!). The kids are all able to attend in person school in the DR, which leaves Rebe in a season of transition since she is now able to focus more fully on her work. Roy was able to effectively work with their team at Pico Escondido from a distance, but it is so much better being back in person.

“Roy has also been asked to help give leadership to the developing camp in Haiti. It is an especially crazy time in Haiti right now, with COVID, political unrest, gang violence, assassination of their president, an earthquake, and a tropical storm. That is a heartbreakingly long list of tragedies for any place, but Haiti was already on shaky ground. Yet amazingly, Young Life is growing there. There is so much need for a savior. In the US, the message of Jesus is so often hindered by comfort. In Haiti, you don't have to work hard to convince kids that we live in a fallen world in which we need to be saved. We are constantly amazed at how much our staff and volunteers there overcome.”

Prayer Requests: The Cliffords are so encouraged that this summer over 1000 students were able to hear the Gospel at Pico Escondido and on top of that, there wasn't a single Covid case during all of their outreach camps - praise God! Please join in praying for Haiti and for Roy when he does trips there in the future, in addition to his work in the DR. Additionally, they ask that you pray for their kids David (9), Daniel (7), and Elena (5), as they are going through a lot

of adjustment: back to in-person school (Elena for the first time ever), and leaving the States, they had to say goodbye to grandparents, good parks, and air conditioning, and the nanny who took care of them from the time they were born moved to the US while we were gone. They also ask that you pray with them for the Lord's guidance in raising up their children to know Him, stay healthy and safe, have good relationships, etc.. As you can imagine, it is complicated to run a camp in the midst of the pandemic, so they ask that you pray for wisdom and provision - there are many protocols and restrictions that they must adhere to. They are dependent upon the income guests at the camp bring, so the decline in guests throughout this past year-and-a-half has made finances more challenging - they are thankful that this is slowly improving.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

#KidsStuff4Kids: Lia Erickson and Tiffany Shin are collecting new and gently used books, games, puzzles, and sports equipment to provide to children ages pre-K through 12th grade when they come for pediatric visits at Waughtown Pediatrics and the Downtown Health Plaza— clinics that serve historically under-resourced communities in our city. With the KidsStuff4Kids initiative, we hope to bless these children and help them continue to read, grow, learn, and play amidst the ongoing pandemic and challenging school year.

Please drop off items at church (look for the drop off box near the entrance) now through October 17th. Feel free to email Tiffany (tshin@wakehealth.edu) with questions.

Ardmore RAH Volunteers: The Ardmore RAH, on October 16th, is 2 weeks away and they still need volunteers to make this race successful. 64 of those spots are intersection monitoring the morning of the race. Grab some coffee and a friend and come cheer on our runners on a beautiful fall morning. Register to volunteer at: <https://forms.gle/YFkWCGXXNrHX2B9VA>