

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

October 24th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“How strange it is that a widow with only a handful of meal should be commanded to offer hospitality! It is once again the impossible that is set before us. It would have been a dull commonplace to have fed the prophet from the overflowing larder of the rich man’s palace. But to work from an almost empty cupboard – that is the surprising way of the LORD! He delights to hang great weights on apparently slender wires, to have great events turn on seeming trifles, and to make poverty the minister of the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

J.H. Jowett

“The feel of faith is not strength, but dependent weakness.”

Rev. Joe Novenson

“In the Christian life, weakness is the way. The way of weakness has two aspects. One is that the watching world sees you as weak in the sense of being limited and inadequate. The second aspect is that you yourself are very conscious of being limited and inadequate.”

J.I. Packer

“Nothing makes us more merciful and patient with the faults of others than seeing our own.”

Francois Fenelon

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!”

Psalm 105:1-4

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord / We will wait upon the Lord / We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord / We will wait upon the Lord / We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever / Our Hope our strong Deliv' rer

*You are the everlasting God / The everlasting God / You do not faint / You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak / You comfort those in need / You lift us up on wings like eagles*

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Your Great Name

Lost are saved find their way / At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame / At the sound of Your great Name

Ev'ry fear has no place / At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave / At the sound of Your great Name

***Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man / You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise / Your great Name***

All the weak find their strength / At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace / At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest / At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised / At the sound of Your great Name

Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty / Defender, my Savior, You are my King

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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

Jesus Strong And Kind

Jesus said / That if I thirst / I should come to him
No one else can satisfy / I should come to him

Jesus said / If I am weak / I should come to him
No one else can be my strength / I should come to him

***For the Lord is good and faithful / He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus / Jesus strong and kind***

Jesus said / That if I fear / I should come to him
No one else can be my shield / I should come to him

Jesus said / If I am lost / He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross / He will come to me

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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

David Speakman

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“The Foolishly Weak Strength of God”

David Speakman

¹ Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. ² And the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. ³ You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. ⁴ Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ And when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.” ⁶ So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the Lord.” ⁷ And he said to the people, “Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord.”

⁸ And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the Lord went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the Lord following them. ⁹ The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁰ But Joshua commanded the people, “You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.” ¹¹ So he caused the ark of the Lord to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

Joshua 6:1-11

¹⁵ On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for the Lord has given you the city.

Joshua 6:15-16

²⁰ So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. ²¹ Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

Joshua 6:20-21

²⁴ And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. ²⁵ But Rahab the prostitute and her father’s household and all

who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Joshua 6:24-25

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.

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal / the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest / thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation / thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal, / we lift our battle song.

Let your Kingdom come / And Your will be done / Right here, on the earth like it is in heaven

Lead on, O King eternal / till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper / the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing / nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy / the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal / we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning / where'er thy face appears.

Thy cross is lifted o'er us / we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; / lead on, O God of might.

"Lead On, O King Eternal," words by Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917; tune by Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879, Arr. Stefan Van Voorst, 2007; Dudley Bell, 2009.

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.

Fall Festival: Join us on October 24th at 5:00pm for a Fall Fest! There will be pumpkin painting, trunk-or-treat, relay races, 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.

Childcare During the Indoor Worship Service: *Please reserve your spot* for the Indoor childcare for infants-36 months. This is available by *reservation*. As the weather changes, the desire for using the indoor nursery may increase and 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

Aaron and Deborah Gray moved to Spain as a partnership between RUF and Serge with the vision of planting a university ministry in southern Spain. In Granada, the university is roughly 25% of the city's population (60k students in a city of 250k people!), and it is largely unreached. What's more, there is a high amount of North African students who study here which opens a new door to peoples and countries closed to the message of Jesus. Aaron and Deborah landed in Spain in January of this year and are currently in our "settling season", focusing on language acquisition and cultural integration as a family. The fall has brought fresh routines and both our girls (ages 5 and 7) have adjusted really well to school in Spanish (after a very difficult Spring). Overall, we feel we are entering a good phase of adjustment.

Prayer Requests: Our two constant prayer requests are for family emotional health and language learning -- these are always appreciated! You can also pray for continued growth in friendships for the girls. We are excited to report that God has put a number of adult friendships right into our lap, so we are struggling to fit everyone into the calendar! With that, pray we care for our new friends well and the kindness of Jesus shows through our family in those relationships. You can also pray for Aaron as he begins spending time on campus praying and investing time "on the ground" where students are. Finally, we have already lost some financial support as a result of COVID-related job changes, so you can pray for additional financial provision through new ministry partners.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Meals Needed: Sarah Beam has been dealing with chronic migraines for some time now, and she would appreciate receiving meals for her family as she's making some strict dietary changes for herself over the coming weeks. Sign up here: TakeThemAMeal.com/BKGE7258