

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

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“Prosperity will have its season - even when it’s here, it’s going by. And when it’s gone, we pretend we know the reasons, but all the roots grow deeper when it’s dry.”

David Wilcox

“No one has helped to provide salvation; God has done it all himself. The banquet of mercy is served up by one host.

Charles Spurgeon

“The Reformation was a time when men went blind, staggering drunk because they had discovered, in the dusty basement of late medievalism, a whole cellar full of fifteen-hundred-year-old, two-hundred proof grace–bottle after bottle of pure distillate of Scripture, one sip of which would convince anyone that God saves us single-handedly. The word of the Gospel–after all those centuries of trying to lift yourself into heaven by worrying about the perfection of your bootstraps–suddenly turned out to be a flat announcement that the saved were home free before they started... Grace has to be drunk straight: no water, no ice, and certainly no ginger ale.”

Robert Farrar Capon, *Between Noon and Three* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1982), 114-15.

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou fount of ev’ry blessing; Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing; Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet; Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it; Mount of God’s unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I’m come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure; Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger; Wand’ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger; Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor; Daily I’m constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter; Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above
Prone to wander Lord I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above

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Call to Worship

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Psalm 29:10-11

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) x6
You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill)

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Jesus Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head; In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;

Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity, For all eternity.

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Jesus Loves Me

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Leader: Lamb of God, we are burdened.

**We do not love you as we should.
We forget our dependence on you and do not honor you.
Instead of glorifying you, we try to bring ourselves glory.**

Leader: Lamb of God, we are burdened.

**We do not love others as we should.
We hurry through our days and miss opportunities to be your hands and feet.
We judge quickly and respond thoughtlessly.**

Leader: Lamb of God, we are burdened.

**We are weighed down by the bad things that are done to us.
We hold grudges, harbor bad feelings, and believe lies told about us.**

Leader: Lamb of God, we are burdened.

**We are overwhelmed by our sin and the sins of others.
Man of sorrows, you know our pain and suffering.
By your wounds we are healed.
Take our burdens, we pray, and free us from the sin that so easily entangles. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above; I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love; Who ever lives and pleads for me

**My name is graven on His hands; My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart; No tongue can bid me thence depart**

When Satan tempts me to despair; And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there; Who made an end to all my sin

**Because the sinless Savior died; My sinful soul is counted free; For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me; To look on Him and pardon me**

Behold Him there the risen Lamb; My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am; The King of glory and of grace

**One with Himself I cannot die; My soul is purchased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God; With Christ my Savior and my God**

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Welcome and Prayers of the People

Ethan Smith

Offering and Doxology

The Longing

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“All the Roots Grow Deeper When It's Dry”

David Speakman

⁶ The people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook the LORD and did not serve him. ⁷ So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the Ammonites, ⁸ and they crushed and oppressed the people of Israel that year. For eighteen years they oppressed all the people of Israel who were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. ⁹ And the Ammonites crossed the Jordan to fight also against Judah and against Benjamin and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was severely distressed.

¹⁰ And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, “We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals.” ¹¹ And the LORD said to the people of Israel, “Did I not save you from the Egyptians

and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines? ¹² The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, and you cried out to me, and I saved you out of their hand. ¹³ Yet you have forsaken me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more. ¹⁴ Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress.” ¹⁵ And the people of Israel said to the LORD, “We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to you. Only please deliver us this day.” ¹⁶ So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the LORD, and he became impatient over the misery of Israel.

Judges 10:6-16

²⁹ Then the Spirit of the LORD was upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh and passed on to Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites. ³⁰ And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, “If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, ³¹ then whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the Ammonites shall be the LORD’s, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.” ³² So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the LORD gave them into his hand. ³³ And he struck them from Aroer to the neighborhood of Minnith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-keramim, with a great blow. So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

³⁴ Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances. She was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter. ³⁵ And as soon as he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, “Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD, and I cannot take back my vow.” ³⁶ And she said to him, “My father, you have opened your mouth to the LORD; do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the LORD has avenged you on your enemies, on the Ammonites.”

Judges 11:29-36

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: *Thanks be to God*

ENGAGING GOD’S WORLD

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less;
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

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Benediction

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
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.