

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

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“Christians live by faith in Jesus Christ, and when their faith leans forward toward the coming of the Kingdom, they call it hope. The person who pursues [vocation] in hope, and who then shapes his or her life accordingly for service in the kingdom - such a person has a calling that will outlast every recession.”

Cornelius Plantinga

“There is nowhere we can go where God isn’t already there. There is nowhere we can leave where God does not stay. Every bit of our skin, bone, thought, imagination, and feeling, every minute pleasure of our prosperity, every glass shard of our adversity is held, governed, and seen through to us by God. Life under the sun is a God-inhabited life. The bent world rests and rebels within the arms of God. The whole earth is full of his glory.”

Zack Eswine

“The picture of Jesus as the coming Judge is the central feature of another absolutely vital and non-negotiable Christian belief: that there will indeed be a judgment in which the creator God will set the world right once and for all. The word judgment carries negative overtones for a good many people in our liberal and postliberal world. We need to remind ourselves that throughout the Bible, not least in the Psalms, God’s coming judgment is a good thing, something to be celebrated, longed for, yearned over. It causes people to shout for joy and the trees of the field to clap their hands. In a world of systematic injustice, bullying, violence, arrogance, and oppression, the thought that there might come a day when the wicked are firmly put in their place and the poor and weak are given their due is the best news there can be. Faced with a world in rebellion, a world full of exploitation and wickedness, a good God must be a God of judgment.”

N.T. Wright

## **GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

### **All Creatures Of Our God And King**

All creatures of our God and King; Lift up your voice and with us sing; O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam; Thou silver moon with softer gleam; O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong; Ye clouds that sail in Heav’n along; O praise Him alleluia  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice; Ye lights of evening find a voice; O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless; And worship Him in humbleness; O praise Him alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son; And praise the Spirit three in One; O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

## Call to Worship

<sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

<sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:8-11

## And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain; An interest in the Savior's blood  
Died He for me who caused His pain; For me who Him to death pursued  
Amazing love how can it be; That Thou my God shouldst die for me  
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He left His Father's throne above; So free so infinite His grace  
Humbled Himself, so great His love; And bled for Adam's helpless race  
'Tis mercy all immense and free; For O my God it found out me  
Amazing love how can it be, that thou my God shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay; Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off my heart was free; I rose went forth and followed Thee  
Amazing love how can it be, that thou my God shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine  
Alive in Him my living Head; And clothed in righteousness divine  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne; And claim the crown through Christ my own  
Amazing love how can it be, that thou my God shouldst die for me?

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## Let Me Find Thee

Behold me here in grief draw near; Pleading at Thy throne oh King  
To Thee each tear; Each trembling fear  
Jesus Son of Man I bring; Let me find Thee; Let me find Thee; Let me find Thee  
Lord of mercy King of grace

Look down in love and from above; With Thy Spirit satisfy  
Thou hast sought me; Thou hast bought me  
And thy purchase Lord am I; Let me find Thee; Let me find Thee; Let me find Thee  
Here on earth and then on high

Hear the broken scarcely spoken; Longings of my heart to Thee  
All the crying; All the sighing  
Of Thy child accepted be; Let me find Thee; Let me find Thee; Let me find Thee  
Wounded healer suffering Lord

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### **Call to Confession**

#### **Confession of Sin**

Merciful God,  
We rejoice that you pardon all who repent and turn to you,  
so we humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.  
We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved mercy,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.  
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.  
In your great compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.  
Do not cast us from your presence,  
or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain us with your grace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
Though your sins are like scarlet,  
They shall be as white as snow;  
Though they are red like crimson,  
They shall become like wool.”

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1: 9

### **Christ Is Mine Forevermore**

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure; And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer; Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing; I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow; Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel; Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven; And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger; Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter; Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle; Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver; Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city; Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure; Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul; For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore

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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**

**Davis Mooney**

### **Offering and Doxology**

**Good Fruit**

### **Life Together**

**David Speakman**

## ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

### “Renewing Real Life”

David Speakman

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree  
    planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1:1-6

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

**All:** *Thanks be to God*

## ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

### We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion; We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together; We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood; Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn; My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long; Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave; Bind us together bring shalom

**Benediction**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15:13

**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.