

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

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“It is high time that Christians should rediscover that the very heart of their faith is that Jesus Christ did not come to make a contribution to the religious storehouse of mankind, but that in him God reconciled the world unto himself.”

Dr. W.A. Visser't Hooft, first General Secretary to the World Council of Churches.

“Jesus is not ‘the Great’; he is the only. He has no peers, no rivals, and no successors.”

John Stott

“I am grateful for Shinto, for Buddhism, and for Confucianism. I owe much to these faiths . . . Yet these three faiths utterly failed to minister to my heart’s deepest needs. I was a pilgrim journeying upon a long road that had no turning. I was weary. I was footsore. I wandered through a dark and dismal world where tragedies were thick . . . Buddhism teaches great compassion . . . but since the beginning of time, who has declared, ‘this is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many unto the remission of sins?’”

Toyohiko Kagawa

“The people who hanged Christ never, to do them justice, accused him of being a bore - on the contrary, they thought him too dynamic to be safe. It has been left for later generations to muffle up that shattering personality and surround him with an atmosphere of tedium. We have efficiently pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certified him ‘meek and mild’ and recommended him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious old ladies.”

Dorothy Sayers

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift Your name on high/ Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life/ I'm so glad You came to save us

*You came from heaven to earth/ To show the way
From the earth to the cross/ My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave/ From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high*

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Call to Worship

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

Colossians 1:19-22

Anchor Of Hope

Marvelous wonderful infinite God/ Author of all that is good
Faithful provider and giver of life/ Source of all power and love

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise/ Refuge of strength to the end
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save/ He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men*

Gracious compassionate merciful God/ Radiant holy delight
Beautiful Father victorious Son/ Source of unchangeable light

You are light in the dark/ You are healing for the broken heart
You are hope You are Lord/ You are life You are love that endures

Powerful constant unwavering God/ Shepherd who comes for the lost
Rock of salvation remarkable love/ Savior who died on the cross

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Our Great God

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love/ Unfailing grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight/ Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night/ In praise to You alone

Hallelujah glory be to our great God/ Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Lord we are weak and frail/ Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels/ Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy/ His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee/ Before our sov'reign God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea/ And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain/ Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars/ In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God/ Who rules them by His Word

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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,
cleans 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.”

Isaiah 1: 18

“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

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*

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

Ethan Smith

Offering and Doxology

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“Renewing Good News”

David Speakman

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹ Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. *All: Thanks be to God*

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross/ On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss/ And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast/ Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most/ I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet/ Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet/ Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine/ That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine/ Demands my soul my life my all

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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.