

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

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“God’s patience is not placidity, any more than his fierce anger is loss of control, his laughter cruelty or his pity sentimentality. When his moment comes for judgment, in any given case, it will be by definition beyond appealing or postponing.”

Derek Kidner

“If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make a final end to violence, that God would not be worthy of worship . . . If I don’t believe that there is a God who will eventually put all things right, I will take up the sword and will be sucked into the endless vortex of retaliation. Only if I am sure that there’s a God who will right all wrongs and settle all accounts perfectly do I have the power to refrain.”

Miroslav Volf

“Think how we feel when we see someone we love ravaged by unwise actions or relationships. Do we respond with benign tolerance as we might towards strangers? Far from it . . . Anger isn’t the opposite of love. Hate is, and the final form of hate is indifference . . . God’s wrath is not a cranky explosion, but his settled opposition to the cancer . . . which is eating out the insides of the human race he loves with his whole being.”

Rebecca Manley Pippert

“He left His Father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but 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?”

Charles Wesley

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty/ The King of creation

O my soul praise Him/ For He is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear now to His temple draw near/ Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things/ So wondrously reigneth

Shelters thee under His wings/ Yea so gently sustaineth

Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been/ Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper/ Thy work and defend thee

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do/ If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord/ O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath/ Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again/ Gladly for aye we adore Him

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Call to Worship

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less/ Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame/ But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*Christ alone cornerstone/ Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord/ Lord of all*

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

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

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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)
You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill)

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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.”

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

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess/ Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart/ You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You/ Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness/ Oh God how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more/ Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free/ Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You/ When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You/ Jesus You're my hope and stay

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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

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“Renewing Real Life, Part 2”

David Speakman

¹ Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves,

and the rulers take counsel together,

against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

³ “Let us burst their bonds apart

and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;

the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;

today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him:

Psalm 2:1-12

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

All: *Thanks be to God*

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

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.

*Let Your kingdom come/ And Your will be done
Right here on the earth/ Like it is in heaven*

Through days of preparation/ Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal/ We lift our battle song.

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
But 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

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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.