

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

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"We are sinners with the capacity to do great damage to ourselves and our relationships. We need God's grace to save us from ourselves. But we are also God's children, which means that we have great hope and potential—not hope that rests on our gifts, experience, or track record, but hope that rests in Christ. Because he is in us and we are in him, it is right to say that our potential *is* Christ."

Timothy Lane and Paul David Tripp, *Relationships: A Mess Worth Making*

"A life of hospitality begins in worship, with a recognition of God's grace and generosity. Hospitality is not first a duty and responsibility; it is first a response of love and gratitude for God's love and welcome to us."

Christine Pohl, *Making Room*

"It is not merely that the rich man is obliged to meet the needs of those who are less well off than he is but also that each one of us must use the gifts which we have received either by nature or by the Holy Spirit, so that no one may say that we are keeping these things to ourselves and refusing to share them with our neighbors."

Andreas, *Catena*

"What more sublime can be said of friendship, what more true, what more profitable, than it ought to, and has proved to, begin in Christ, continue in Christ, and be perfected in Christ."

Aelred of Rievaulx, *Spiritual Friendship*

## 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

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### **Call to Worship**

'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live...

Ezekiel 37:12-14

### **Arise My Soul Arise**

Arise my soul arise/ Shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding sacrifice/ On my behalf appears  
Before the throne my surety stands/ Before the throne my surety stands  
My name is written on His hands

*Arise (arise) arise (arise)/ Arise arise my soul arise  
Arise (arise) arise (arise)/ Arise arise my soul arise  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

He ever lives above/ For me to intercede  
His all-redeeming love/ His precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for every race/ His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Five bleeding wounds He bears/ Received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers/ They strongly plead for me  
"Forgive him O forgive" they cry/ "Forgive him O forgive" they cry  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die"

My God is reconciled/ His pard'ning voice I hear  
He owns me for His child/ I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh/ With confidence I now draw nigh  
And Father Abba Father cry

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### **Holy Spirit**

There's nothing worth more that could ever come close  
Nothing can compare You're our living hope/ Your Presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone/ Your Presence Lord

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here/ Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere*

## *Your glory God is what our hearts long for/ To be overcome by Your Presence Lord*

Let us become more aware of Your Presence/ Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

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### **Call to Confession**

#### **Confession of Sin**

God of steadfast love and faithfulness,

We humbly confess that we have been unfaithful  
to our covenant relationship with you and with one another.

We have worshipped other gods: money, power, control, and convenience.

We have served our own self-interest  
instead of serving you and your people.

We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,  
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God,  
and restore to us the fullness and intimacy,  
the joy and peace of our covenant relationship with you and one another.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

“You are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s treasured possession,  
in order that you may proclaim the excellencies of him  
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.  
Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;  
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy . . .  
All of this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.”

1 Peter 2: 9-10 and 2 Corinthians 5: 18

### **Spirit Of The Living God**

O Spirit of the living God/ Thou Light and Fire Divine  
Descend upon Thy church once more/ And make it truly Thine  
Fill it with love and joy and pow’r/ With righteousness and peace  
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts/ And sin and sorrow cease

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow/ Until our minds are free  
From mists of error, clouds of doubt,/ Which blind our eyes to Thee  
Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips/ With flaming love and zeal  
To preach to all Thy great good news,/ God’s glorious commonweal

So shall we know the power of Christ,/ Who came this world to save  
So shall we rise with Him to life/ Which soars beyond the grave  
And earth shall win true holiness/ Which makes Thy children whole  
Till, perfected by Thee, we reach/ Creation's glorious goal

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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**

**John Petty**

### **Offering and Doxology**

**How Great is Our God**

### **Life Together**

**Ethan Smith**

### **ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **“Shared Experience: Grace for Exiles”**

**Ethan Smith**

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup> Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:7-11

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

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

### **ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD**

#### **All Glory Be To Christ**

Should nothing of our efforts stand/ No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house/ In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain/ Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn/ All glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king/ All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing/ All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come/ On earth as is above

Who is Himself our daily bread/ Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy/ The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet/ All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am/ The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain/ Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us/ And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be/ All glory be to Christ

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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.