

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

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Morning Worship Service

“The “secular” society is not a neutral area into which we can project the Christian message. It is an area already occupied by other gods. We have a battle on our hands. We are dealing with principalities and powers. What, then, is evangelism in this context?”

Lesslie Newbigin

“Suppose a number of persons were to take it into their heads that they had to defend a lion, the full-grown king of beasts! There he is in the cage, and here come all the soldiers of the army to fight for him. Well, I should suggest to them, if they would not object, and feel that it was humbling to them, that they should kindly stand back, and open the door, and let the lion out! I believe that would be the best way of defending him, for he would take care of himself; and the best ‘apology’ for the gospel is to let the gospel out.”

Charles Spurgeon

“Christianity is not a series of truths in the plural, but rather truth spelled with a capital “T”. Truth about total reality, not just about religious things. Biblical Christianity is Truth concerning total reality - and the intellectual holding of that total Truth and then living in the light of that Truth.”

Francis Schaeffer

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Psalm 67:1-3

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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Call to Confession

Ethan Smith

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, forgive us our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember and the sins that we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and when we have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole once again by Your grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness . . . The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.”

1 John 1:9 and Psalm 145: 8-9

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

Amazing love how can it be/ That Thou my God shouldst die for me

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

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

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

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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

Jesus Strong And Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst/ I should come to him

No one else can satisfy/ I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak/ I should come to him

No one else can be my strength/ I should come to him

For the Lord is good and faithful/ He will keep us day and night

We can always run to Jesus/ Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear/ I should come to him

No one else can be my shield/ I should come to him

Jesus said if I am lost/ He will come to me

And he showed me on that cross/ He will come to me

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow/ Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts/ Praise father, son, and holy ghost

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“Healthy Doctrine for a Sick World”

David Speakman

¹⁰ For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. ¹¹They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. ¹² One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” ¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. ¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. ¹⁶ They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Titus 1:10-16

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

All: *Thanks be to God*

The Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Leader: Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Lord's Supper Instructions

- We invite those seated furthest away from the pulpit to come to the table first. An usher will tell you when to come.
- Households may approach together. We ask that each household practice physical distancing when awaiting their turn.
- Communicants will cup their hands, ready to receive the bread.
- Another server will make a cup available for each communicant to pick up. Wine is the darker liquid and grape juice is the lighter liquid.
- Young children who have made a profession of faith may partake in the Lord's Supper when they have met with and been approved by the Session.

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

There Is A Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood/ Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood/ Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains/ Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood/ Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see/ That fountain in his day
And there have I though vile as he/ Washed all my sins away
Washed all my sins away/ Washed all my sins away
And there have I though vile as he/ Washed all my sins away

E'er since by faith I saw the stream/ Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme/ And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die/ And shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme/ And shall be till I die

When this poor lisp'ing stamm'ring tongue/ Lies silent in the grave

Then in a nobler sweeter song/ I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save/ I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
Then in a nobler sweeter song/ I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood/ Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God/ Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more/ Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God/ Be saved to sin no more

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Benediction

¹³ 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.