

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

August 30th, 2020

Morning Worship Service

“Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried.”

GK Chesterton

“How little people know who think that holiness is dull. When one meets the real thing...it is irresistible.”

C.S. Lewis, *Letters To An American Lady*

“I found it was no easy thing to part with sin, and the impression on my spirit was that of my utter inability to put away sin. And I think I never had a more solid sense of the absolute need of Christ for sanctification. I saw that it was as easy for a rock to lift itself as for me to raise my heart to holiness.”

Thomas Boston

“You were unwilling to say, ‘Why bother?’”

Paul Tripp

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

In the day of my trouble I call upon you,

for you answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come

and worship before you, O Lord,

and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things;

you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O Lord,

that I may walk in your truth;

unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Psalm 86:6-13

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness/ Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder/ And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace/ This is unfailing love
That You would take my place/ That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life/ That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order/ Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice/ Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain/ Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (x3)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain/ Worthy worthy worthy

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The Solid Rock

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

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face / I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale/ My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood/ Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way/ He then is all my hope and stay

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

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Confession of Sin

Father, you tell us in your Word that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we frequently relax our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism. How easily we've allowed ourselves to crumple under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In your mercy, remind us of the width and length, the height and depth of your love. Hear us, for Jesus' sake. 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 . . . There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”
Isaiah 1:18 and Romans 8:1

Jesus Cast a Look On Me

Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit, Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light, Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live, And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry!

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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

Dudley Bell

Offering

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

“When Grace Appears”

David Speakman

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

Titus 2:11-15

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

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

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Benediction

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance[c] 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.