

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

September 20th, 2020

Morning Worship Service

“The night I fell in sorrow I knew I was alone.
A dozen good-time friendships but my heart is still unknown.
I thought I saw your footsteps in the sand along the shore
And I mumbled empty phrases that sang so well before.
Now inches from the water about to disappear,
I feel you behind me, but how did you find me here?”

David Wilcox, “How Did You Find Me Here?”

“The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.”

Jesus, Luke 19:10

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:22-25

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart/
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, By day or by night/
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, And Thou my true Word/
I ever with Thee, And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son/
Thou in me dwelling, And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, Nor man’s empty praise/
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always
Thou and Thou on - ly, First in my heart/
High King of heaven, My treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, My victory won/
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall/
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Laden With Guilt and Full of Fears

Laden with guilt and full of fears/ I fly to Thee my Lord
And not a glimpse of hope appears/ But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace/ Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face in every page

This is the field where hidden lies/ The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise/ Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows/ To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows/ No danger dwells within

This is the judge that ends the strife/ Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life/ Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels mighty God/ My roving feet command
Nor I forsake the happy road/ That leads to Thy right hand

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Call to Confession

Ethan Smith

Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your goodness and loving-kindness:

Lost in ourselves, we dwell endlessly on yesterday's embarrassment, anger, and wounds.

Lord God, forgive us.

Lost in our divisions, it is hard to see beyond yesterday's fighting, suspicion, and fear.

Lord God, forgive us.

Lost in our fantasy, it is tempting to live in yesterday's illusions.

Lord God, forgive us.

Fill us with the security found in Jesus Christ this day, that we might be lost in the wonder of your hope.

Lord God, make us ready for every good work.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your goodness and loving-kindness.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

Psalm 32:1-5

Let Me Find Thee

Behold me here in grief draw near/ Pleading at Thy throne oh King
To Thee each tear/ Each trembling fear/ Jesus Son of Man I bring
Let me find Thee/ Let me find Thee/ Let me find Thee/ Lord of mercy King of grace

Look down in love and from above/ With Thy Spirit satisfy
Thou hast sought me/ Thou hast bought me/ And thy purchase Lord am I
Let me find Thee/ Let me find Thee/ Let me find Thee/ Here on earth and then on high

Hear the broken scarcely spoken/ Longings of my heart to Thee
All the crying/ All the sighing/ Of Thy child accepted be
Let me find Thee/ Let me find Thee/ Let me find Thee/ Wounded healer suffering Lord

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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

Margaret Ann Speakman

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

“Come and See the One Seeing You”

David Speakman

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

John 1:43-51

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

Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him? Is not thine a captured heart?

Chief among ten thousand own Him, Joyful choose the better part.

Captivated by His beauty, Worthy tribute haste to bring.

Let His peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King.

What can strip the seeming beauty, From the idols of the earth?

Not a sense of right or duty, But the sight of peerless worth.

'Tis that look that melted Peter, 'Tis that face that Stephen saw,

'Tis that heart that wept with Mary, Can alone from idols draw.

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O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow

May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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Benediction

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

2 Corinthians 13:14

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.