

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

October 25th, 2020

### *Morning Worship Service*

#### GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

##### Call to Worship

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress.

He sent out his word and healed them;  
he rescued them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

Let them sacrifice thank offerings  
and tell of his works with songs of joy.

Psalm 107:2, 19-22

##### Rejoice

Come and stand before your maker/ Full of wonder full of fear  
Come behold his power and glory/ Yet with confidence draw near  
For the one who holds the heavens/ And commands the stars above  
Is the God who bends to bless us/ With an unrelenting love

*Rejoice/ Come and lift your hands and raise your voice/ He is worthy of all praise*

*Rejoice/ Sing the mercies of your king/ And with trembling rejoice*

We are children of the promise/ The beloved of the Lord  
Won with everlasting kindness/ Bought with sacrificial blood  
Bringing reconciliation/ To a world that longs to know  
The affections of a father/ Who will never let them go

All our sickness all our sorrows/ Jesus carried up the hill  
He has walked this path before us/ He is walking with us still  
Turning tragedy to triumph/ Turning agony to praise  
There is blessing in the battle/ So take heart and stand amazed

*Rejoice/ When you cry to him he hears your voice/ He will wipe away your tears*

## ***Rejoice/ In the midst of suffering/ He will help you sing***

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### **His Mercy Is More**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done/ Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore/ Our sins they are many His mercy is more

***Praise the Lord His mercy is more/ Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

What patience would wait as we constantly roam/ What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor/ Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us/ His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford/ Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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### **Call to Confession**

**Ethan Smith**

#### **Confession of Sin**

Our good God and Father,

We confess that we have placed more weight in our pious words  
than in our privilege to serve each other in love.

We have often found ourselves adding to the noise of this world  
as we chase our selfish ambitions and our feeble attempts to impress each other.

We have not been patient with our family members.

We have not been kind to those under our care.

We have looked down on others and have not cheerfully submitted to the  
guidance of our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We have not forgiven as you have forgiven us.

We have been slow to protect, reluctant to trust, passive in building hope, and have easily given  
up on those you have placed alongside us in the faith.

In short, we have failed to love your body and its members as you have commanded.

We have avoided this most excellent way.

Please forgive us for Jesus' sake.

based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

#### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all . . . Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun!”

based on Isaiah 53:6 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

### **How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds**

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds/ In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds/ And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole/ And calms the troubled breast;

'Tis manna to the hungry soul/ And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build/ My shield and hiding place,

My never failing treasury, filled/ With boundless stores of grace!

By Thee, my prayers acceptance gain/ Although with sin defiled;

Satan accuses me in vain/ And I am owned a child.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend/ My Prophet, Priest, and King,

My Lord, my life, my way, my end/ Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart/ And cold my warmest thought;

But when I see Thee as Thou art/ I'll praise Thee as I ought.

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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**

**Ned Erickson**

### **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

### “Learning to See”

David Speakman

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.” <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.”

<sup>41</sup> “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 7:36-50

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

### **When I Survey The Wondrous Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross/ On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss/ And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast/ Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most/ I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet/ Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet/ Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine/ That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine/ Demands my soul my life my all

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### **Benediction**

“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6: 24-26

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## 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.

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## **LIFE TOGETHER**

**Adult and Teen Sunday School:** Science and Christ: Thinking Through Today's Issues - Meets on Zoom, Sundays at 9:30am. [hopechurchws.org/adults](https://hopechurchws.org/adults)

**Children's Sunday School:** We have one class for all ages that is 20-25 minutes of a Bible story, prayer, and Bible verse memorization. [hopechurchws.org/children](https://hopechurchws.org/children)

**Toddler Resources:** Weekly activities designed specifically to help parents teach toddlers about Jesus. [hopechurchws.org/nursery](https://hopechurchws.org/nursery)

**Family Worship Service:** Today, October 25th, from 4:40-5:00pm we will have an engaging service focused on keeping kids actively involved in worship through kid-friendly songs, prayer, and kids liturgy.

**Ladies Coffee Hour:** Women are invited to bring a mug and hang out in Lisa Applegate's backyard on Mondays at 9:00am. Young children are welcome. [hopechurchws.org/coffee](https://hopechurchws.org/coffee)

**Children's Gaga Ball and Playground Fun:** Join us for an hour of Gaga Ball and playground fun next Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm. Masks required for everyone ages 3+. Please register at [hopechurchws.org/play](https://hopechurchws.org/play).

**Pumpkin Painting Party:** Come join us on October 31st from 10:00-11:30am for pumpkin painting and other fun games! Space is limited. Please register by October 27th. [hopechurchws.org/pumpkinpainting](https://hopechurchws.org/pumpkinpainting)

**Life Groups:** Life Groups are smaller communities (typically 12-15 adults) made up of members, regular attenders, and friends of Hope Church that meet anywhere from once a week to twice a month. [hopechurchws.org/lifegroups](https://hopechurchws.org/lifegroups)

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**#KidsStuff4Kids:** Donations are needed for children ages pre-K through 8th grade when they come for pediatric visits at Waughtown Pediatrics and the Downtown Health Plaza. [hopechurchws.org/kidsstuff4kids](https://hopechurchws.org/kidsstuff4kids)