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Invite all to Worship God
Grow in faith
Follow Jesus by Serving Others

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship at Hope Presbyterian Church! We invite you to enter into the spirit of worship with us. Enjoy the fellowship of this community of faith. Lift your voice in song. Lift your heart and burdens in prayer. Listen to and for the Word of God to you. Heed God’s message as it comes through the Holy Spirit’s presence. Leave this place in joy to love and serve God and neighbor, seeking to follow Christ our Lord. **We’re glad you’re here!**

Centering Words: I’ve been meaning to ask. . . **where are you from?** We believe everyone is beloved, shaped from the dust of the earth and the breath of God. Everyone has a story to tell. Our stories are messy and beautiful, painful and hopeful—being written and rewritten over time. We commit to disrupting our assumptions and staying curious.

Disciples Gather to Worship God

☞ **Welcome** (hopeaustin.org/connect)

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

♫ **Prelude**

Jesus Spreads His Banner O’er Us
Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

Robert W. Thygerson

☞ **Accepting, Belonging, Connecting**

Steve Walker, Elder

Accepting: How have you witnessed acceptance within our church?

Belonging: What helps you know that YOU belong within our church?

Connecting: How have you witnessed the Holy Spirit connecting people together within our church?

⬆️☞ **Call to Worship**

We are from north and south.

We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

We are from this city and from others far away.

We are from big families and dinners made for one.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

We are from hot summers and cold winters.

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes, and front porches with old, familiar swings.

We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

Today we are together.

Holy God, gather us in. Siblings in the family of Christ, let us worship God!

⬆️♫ **Hymn of Praise 318** (GTG)

In Christ There is No East or West

ST. PETER

☞ **Response:** Praise the Lord! **The Lord’s name be praised!**

⬆️ Indicates when we are to rise, as we are able.

☞ Indicates when someone is praying.

📖 Indicates when Scripture is read.

♫ Indicates when music is sung or heard.

☞ Indicates when someone is speaking.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

A personal sound system for the hearing impaired is available.

Please ask an usher for a receiver.

GTG– *Glory to God* purple hymnal

STF– *Sing the Faith* blue hymnal

✠☪Prayer of Confession

Dianna Petrick, Elder

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth, they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question. Can anything good come from that side of town? From a school with poor test scores? From a criminal history? From the opposite political party? From a history of addiction? From a faith with doubt? From a church with faults? Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times. Forgive us, God of mercy.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Forgive us, God of mercy. Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that it is. Can anything good come from there? Yes. Always yes. Amen.

☪Assurance of God's Forgiveness

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: **God is here. God is at work among us. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

↑♫Response 582 (GTG)

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Paul Vasile

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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↑☪Sharing the Peace

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Disciples Listen to the Word of God

☪Children's Sermon

Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

No Little Church this week, children are always welcome in worship at Hope.

♫Hymn

A Covenant of Grace (vs. 1)

O WALY WALY

Sung twice: 1st time Choir only; 2nd time Choir & Congregation

**We all come from the dusty earth, and from the places of our birth,
Ancestral stories who we'll be, we bring it all to come and see.**

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☪Response: Praise the Lord! The Lord's name be praised!

✠☪Prayer for Illumination

☒First Reading

Genesis 2:4b-15 (NRSV)

Bible p. 2

☒Second Reading

John 1:35-51 (NRSV)

Bible p. 862

☪Sermon

*I've been meaning to ask...**where are you from?***

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

↑☪Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

We believe that goodness can come from the dirt, that faith can come from doubt, that minds can be changed, that justice can begin with us, and that something good *can* come from Nazareth. We believe all these things, because we believe that God is more expansive than we have words for—showing up in the corners of our world so often ignored and denied. We believe that from this place of holy surprise, God invites us forward—beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us. "Come and see," God says. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

Grow in Faith

What's your story? Where's home? What makes you, you? How has the particularity of place shaped who you are? Whose are you? Who are your people? What assumptions do you need to disrupt? Where is God calling you to "come and see"?

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

✚Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (GTG Page 35)

You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native language.

Hear our prayers O God in the name of Jesus Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory, and taught us to pray together saying:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer @ Home

We continue in prayer remembering women, men, children, youth experiencing

♫ Response 471 (GTG)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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☪Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (VISIT hopeaustin.org/donate or TEXT "HOPEPC" to 73256)

♫ Offertory Anthem

Shout to the North

Smith-Larson

Adult Choir

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.

You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts,

Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love.

We've been through fire, we've been through rain,

We've been refined by the power of his name;

We've fallen deeper in love with you.

You've burned the truth on our lips.

Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again

Of our God who reigns on high, by his grace again we'll fly!

Martin Smith | arr. Lloyd Larson | CCLI #1562261© 1995 Curious? Music UK

↑♫ Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

↑Prayer of Dedication

Disciples Celebrate at the Table of God

The Lord's Table at Hope Presbyterian Church is open to all who seek to know and love Jesus Christ. Friends from other denominations are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper because Christ is our host. Children who are being nurtured in Christian faith are also welcome. We invite all to share in the holy meal to be renewed and assured of God's love and grace.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so we praise you, tuning our voices to the angels' songs, joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

♪ **Sanctus 552** (GTG)

Holy, Holy, Holy

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

...offering ourselves as a living sacrifice dedicated to your service.

☪ **Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Communion

The servers will direct you to the Lord's Table. We invite you to come forward with your hands cupped, ready to receive a piece of bread and eat. Then, receive a cup and drink. Return to your pew and join in praying and singing.

♪ **Communion Hymns**

Hymn 306 (GTG)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Hymn

Alleluia

Jerry Sinclair

1. Alleluia, alleluia

2. He's my Savior, alleluia...

3. I will praise Him, alleluia

4. Alleluia, alleluia... CCLI # 16811 © 1972 Manna Music, Inc.

✚ **Prayer After Communion**

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God of Love, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

Disciples Depart to Serve God

↑ ♪ **Hymn 515** (GTG)

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

↑ ☪ **Charge & Benediction**

Family of faith, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself, go in peace.

♪ **Postlude**

Joy in Judea

Richard Blake

Welcoming New Members

On the second Sunday of each month, Elders are available to welcome you as a new member of our congregation and to answer questions about our ministry. If you are ready to join, or would like more information, please come to the Hope Room during the Postlude.

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