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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 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: Today, we revisit the story of the widow's mite, a scripture that begs for reimagination and reinterpretation from the harmful ways it has been used. Instead of commending the widow's giving practices, perhaps Jesus is condemning the economic system that created her poverty. We are called to reimagine our own money stories.

Disciples Gather to Worship God

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

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church where we:

Invite All to Worship God, Grow In Faith, and Follow Jesus by Serving Others!

♪ **Prelude**

I Need Thee Every Hour
Dr. Kathy Winston, piano/organ

arr. Christine Mathis

☞ **Accepting, Belonging, Connecting**

Sharon Shaw

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**

Rev. Dr. John Leedy and Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

Can you imagine unfettered love?

Free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you?

Can you imagine a home—safe and bright,

With impromptu dancing, meals around table, and laughter late into the night?

Can you imagine faith like a compass

That guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope;

That asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty?

Can you imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow wild and free?

Where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?

A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between?

Can you imagine?

Yes, we can imagine.

Today in worship, dare to dream.

⬆️ 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

Dare to imagine what could be.

And pay attention, for God is here, in wandering thoughts, hopes, and prayers.

Let us worship holy God, that great unfettered love.

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

♪ Hymn of Praise 63 (GTG)

The Lord Is God

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

☪ Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

God of Grace, You invite us to dream of a better world,

But instead we bury our heads in the sand. We are afraid to recognize how much must change.

We are afraid, because if we know the truth, then don't we have a job to do?

So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo.

We passively allow things to stay the same.

We don't speak out; we don't imagine a new day.

We don't dream of a world without racism, sexism, bigotry, or shame.

Instead we allow ourselves to believe that some things will never change.

Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.

Teach us to imagine again.

Humbly we pray. Amen.

☪ Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

♪ Response

Glory Be to the Father

Avery & Marsh

Glory be to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, 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

♪ Hymn

Simple Living (A Rich Young Man)

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A rich young man came to ask of Christ,
"Good teacher, will you tell me,
What must I do for eternal life?
I've kept your laws completely."
"Sell all you have, give to the poor,
Then heaven's treasure shall be yours."
How hard for those who are rich on earth
To gain the wealth of heaven.

Now Jesus sat by the off'ring gate
As people brought their money:
The rich they filled the collection plate;
The widow gave a penny.
"Now she's outgiven all the rest—

Her gift was all that she possessed."
Not what you give but what you keep
Is what the King is counting.
O teach me Lord to walk this road,
The road of simple living;
To be content with what I own
And generous in giving.
And when I cling to what I have
Please wrest it quickly from my grasp;
I'd rather lose all the things of earth
To gain the things of heaven.
Yes, I'd rather lose all things of earth
To gain the things of heaven.

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

✝️Prayer for Illumination

📖First Reading

Leviticus 19:9-10; 8-12 (NRSV)

Bible p. 93

👦Children's Sermon

Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

Following the Children's Sermon, children between the ages of 3-7 are invited to Little Church in the Fellowship Building. This worship for children concludes at 11:15 on non-communion Sundays. On Communion Sunday, children will return to their families during worship.

**The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God.
The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God,
And the Word of God will help us grow, grow, grow.
The Word of God will help us grow.**

👦Sermon

Our Money Story — Reimagine

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

Grow in Faith

Reimagine: What drives our current economy (*i.e. profit, consumption, competition, need, choice*)? What drives the economy of the kingdom of God? What does Jesus give us a glimpse of? What is in opposition between the two, and what could live in harmony?

📖Second Reading

Mark 12:38-44 (NRSV)

Bible p. 825

👦Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Creator, who, like a painter with a canvas, imagined creation and breathed it into being. We believe in Jesus, who many years later, walked this hurting world and showed us a new way to love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prods us and pulls us, leads us and guides us, carries us and loves us into new life, day after day. And we believe in the power of imagination, a gift from God that allows us to dream dreams, create anew, start over, try again, and live lives of hope. So in response, together, as God's church, We dare to dream. We strive to love. We try to imagine a new day. And we walk together, All with God's help. Amen.

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

✝️Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical version)

Paulette Widmer, Stephen Minister

(You are welcome to pray the Lord's Prayer using the language most familiar to you)

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 in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer @ Home

We continue in prayer remembering criminal justice system: lawyers, prosecutors, judges

🎵Response 2159 (STF)

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

**Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you, for I desire to worship and obey.**

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

Paulette Widmer

🎵 **Offertory Anthem**

An Offering

Dan Forrest

*O Christ, who spared not any cost,
Nor any grace withheld,
But poured forth your redeeming blood
In love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord?
What must I count as loss
That I may taste the fellowship
That brings me near your cross?
Why should I cling to gifts you give?
Why grasp in foolish pride
What you who gave yourself for me
Now bid me lay aside?*

*To know you is my highest gain
Worth any sacrifice,
A treasure worthy to possess
At any earthly price.
Yet if behind my open hands,
My heart shrinks from the cost,
Teach me that nothing offered you
Is ever truly lost.
A hundredfold reward awaits
In one glimpse of your face,
My sacrifice forgotten
In the riches of your grace. —Eileen Berry*

🎵 **Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**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**

🕊️ **Presentation of New Members**

Kathy Gehman, Elder

Liz & Jeff Steinheider, Carla & Steve Young, and Jesse Bailey

We welcome you with joy into this family of faith. We covenant with you to equip one another for the work to which we feel called as Christ's disciples: inviting all to worship God, growing in faith and following Jesus by serving others. May God bless our ministry together as individuals and as the family of God.

Disciples Depart to Serve God

🎵 **Hymn 710** (GTG)

We Lift Our Voices

WE ARE AN OFFERING

🙏 **Charge & Benediction**

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

🙏 **Response**

As We Go

Jeremy Johnson

**As we go, may your Spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world as we go.**

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Meeting of the Congregation

Opening Prayer

Establish Quorum

Report from the Associate Pastor

A Word from the Personnel Committee

Associate Pastor's Terms of Call

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson, Moderator

Karen McElhinney, Clerk

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

Dianna Petrick, Chair, Elder

Karen McElhinney, Clerk