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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Centering Words: Gracious God, help us to know when things need to be changed and to look to you to guide us. Help us to speak up, listen, or change when we need to. Let us believe that through you we are empowered and capable of impacting change for the better. Amen.

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

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

arr. J. William Greene

☛Call to Worship

The Lord our God is God of gods and Lord of lords --

The God who is mighty and awesome,

The One who has no favorites,

The God who extends justice to the orphan and the widow.

How do we show our love for God? How do we show we are God's people?

By loving the stranger for we were once strangers of God!

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

♫Hymn of Praise 401 (GTG)

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

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

☛Prayer of Confession

Marie Baker

Holy One, we often feel beaten down by the world. Numbed by our sorrow and grief, we seek blessings for ourselves rather than for those you call us to serve. Wounded by careless words, we lash out in our suffering and hurt the very ones we love. Weary of seeming weak and foolish, we forsake humility and gentleness and seek approval from those who need us to be peacemakers and bridge builders. Forgive us, merciful God.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Forgive us, merciful God. Bless us, Holy One, that we might be a blessing for others. Fill us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness, that we may be pure in heart, merciful and kind, and walk humbly in your ways. Amen.

- ↑ 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

☛ Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news... **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

♩ Response 582 (GTG)

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Paul M. 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. © 2008 Paul M. Vasile

♩ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Disciples Listen to the Word of God

♩ Hymn

Pass It On

Kurt Kaiser

1. It - on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing, And soon all those a - round can
2. What a won - drous time is spring, when all the trees are bud - ding. The birds be - gin to sing, the
3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found. You can de - pend on him, it
warm up in its glow - ing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've ex -
flow - ers start their bloom - ing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've ex -
mat - ters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the moun - tain - top, I want the
per - i - enced it: You spread his love to ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.
per - i - enced it: You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
world to know: The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

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☛ Prayer for Illumination

📖 First Reading

Mark 1:21-28 (NRSV)

Bible p. 812

☛ Children's Sermon

Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 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.**

📖 Second Reading

Deuteronomy 10:14-22 (NRSV)

Bible p. 147

☛ Sermon

We See You: R.E.S.P.E.C.T. the Stranger

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

Worship+2: GROW

Where is the conflict in the passage? Is there a tension between what God is asking of Israel as a nation and their acceptance of the stranger? What ideas can you share and help implement to make outsiders feel more genuinely wel-

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

✠Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed (ecumenical)

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

"catholic" is Latin for "universal," implying the Christian unity that exists beyond all denominations

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

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 remember in prayer newlyweds, long marriages, and those who are divorced.

♫Response 2086 (GTG)

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Bob Cull

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

🕊Call to Discipleship

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♫Offertory Anthem

A Voice For You
Adult Choir

Dwight Liles | Niles Borop

*Let my life be a voice for you. Above the noise, a voice for you.
Let my heart sing your praise 'til all that is raised is a voice for you.
Let my life be a voice for you. My every choice a voice for you.
Let my life match your words 'til all that is heard is a voice for you.
I may not speak with tongues of angels, but I long to reflect the love you've shown;
So if I live let me live that your love may be known.
Let my life be a voice for you. Above the noise, a voice for you.
Let my life match your words 'til all that is heard is a voice for you.*

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⬆️🎵 **Doxology** (GTG)

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 Depart to Serve God

⬆️🎵 **Hymn 301** (GTG)

Let Us Build a House (vss. 1,2,4,5)

ALL ARE WELCOME

⬆️🎵 **Charge & Benediction**

Go now and be God's messengers of peace.
Go rejoicing in God's presence with you.
Go bearing Good News of hope to all you meet.

⬆️🎵 **Response**

Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light & Mark A. Miller

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

wide. No-one stands a lone, we'll stand side by side. _____ Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

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🎵 **Postlude**

From God Can Nothing Move Me

Johann Christoph Bach