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

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

Centering Words: Holy God, I cannot escape the waves when the storm waters keep rising. So today I ask, hold me in your hands. Help me float. Keep my head above these waters. 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

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Paul Manz

Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

☛ Call to Worship

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

the courageous and the fearful,

the hungry and the hopeful,

the impatient and the reserved.

God welcomes the young and the old,

the poets and the prophets,

the faithful and the tired,

the curious and the convicted.

Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

there is room for all to gather here.

This is God's house.

Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

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

↑ ♪ Hymn of Praise 815 (GTG)

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

☛ 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 music is sung or heard.

☛ Indicates when someone is speaking.

📖 Indicates when Scripture is read.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

GTG—*Glory to God* purple hymnal

STF—*Sing the Faith* blue hymnal

✠☪Prayer of Confession

Dianna Petrick, Stephen Leader

Gracious God, some days threaten to swallow us; days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. In your mercy, forgive us.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

In your mercy, forgive us. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts, 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 447 (GTG)

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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↑☪Sharing the Peace

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

Disciples Listen to the Word of God

↑☪Hymn 184 (GTG)

Calm to the Waves

CALM SEAS

✠☪Prayer for Illumination

☒First Reading

Psalms 22:23-31 (NRSV)

Bible p. 435

☪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.

☪Sermon

A Wandering Heart: Rescue Me from Danger

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

☒Second Reading

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

Bible p. 796

Worship+2: GROW

What truths or wounds weigh heavily on you today? What things cause you to sink?

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

✝️ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage. I believe in a God who invites me to be brave. I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey. I believe in a God who knows my name. I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid. Amen.

✝️ 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.

♪ 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.

Prayer @ Home

We remember in prayer Social Workers, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and foster families.

♣️ Call to Discipleship

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♪ Offertory Anthem

Walking 'Cross the Sea
Adult Choir

Pepper Choplin

*I saw Jesus walking 'cross the sea. O I saw Jesus walking 'cross the sea.
I said, "Help me walk on the water, that's where I want to be."
He said, "Go where your faith will take you, now come on out to me."
So I stepped out on the water, but I wasn't sinking down.
But the winds, the waves, the waters were stirring all around.
I said, "Help me, Lord, I'm sinking, surely I will drown."
Then I felt Jesus, he was holding onto my hand.
He said, "O what little faith you have, you poor and doubtful man.
Rise up, put your faith in me, and surely you will stand."
I held onto Jesus, we were walking 'cross the sea.
And when I stepped back in the boat, I fell upon my knees.
I said, "Surely you're the Son of God. Surely you're the Son of God.
You are the Son of God, have mercy have mercy on me."
Jesus still is calling. Jesus still is calling, "Come and walk with me."
Wherever you are walking, even when you're sinking,
Go where faith will take you. "Rise up and walk with me."*

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⬆️🎵 **Doxology 606** (GTG)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✝️🙏 **Prayer of Dedication**

Disciples Depart to Serve God

⬆️🎵 **Hymn 840** (GTG)

It Is Well with My Soul (vss. 1 & 4)

VILLE DU HAVRE

⬆️🙏 **Charge & Benediction**

Carry a curious heart. Look for God in every face.
Find the courage to speak your faith.
You are called. You are blessed.
Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news.

⬆️🎵 **Response 177** (GTG)

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home. I love you and you are mine.

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🎵 **Postlude**

Our Father Who Art in Heaven

J.S. Bach

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