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

Sunday, March 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Centering Words:** Risk-taking God, you never said a life of faith would be easy. The suffering of this world presses up against my tender heart and asks questions that I do not have answers for. When those challenges arise, meet me in the middle. I trust that you are there and listening. Amen.

## Disciples Gather to Worship God

🔊 Welcome ([hopeaustin.org/connect](https://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

*What Wonderful Love is This*  
Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

Paul Manz

🔊 Call to Worship

On our worst days, **God is good.**

On our best days, **God is good.**

When life is consistent, **God is good.**

And when life turns on its head, **God is good.**

Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

**God is good. God is here. God is love.**

Hold tight to that good news.

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

📖 Hymn of Praise 2216 (STF)

*When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise*

KINGSFOLD

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

🙏 Prayer of Confession

John Seamon, Elder

**Holy God, we often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. In your mercy, forgive us.**

*Silent Prayers of Personal Confession*

**In your mercy, forgive us. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.**

📖 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

## 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

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Matt Merker

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.  
2. Those he saves are his delight. Christ will hold me fast.

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path,  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his pro - mis - es shall last.

For my love is of - ten cold; he must hold me fast.  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

For my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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### Prayer for Illumination

### First Reading

Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 (NRSV)

Bible p. 487

## ☛ 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: I'm Fixed Upon It*

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

## 📖 Second Reading

Matthew 16:21-23 (NRSV)

Bible p. 798

### Worship+2: GROW

Jesus shares a hard truth with Peter that challenges his faith (Mt. 16:21-23). What truths or events have challenged your faith?

## Disciples Respond to the Call of God

### ☝️ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

**We believe in a God who sees through our stubbornness and holds our fear with tenderness. We believe God uses ordinary people like us to do good in the world and invites us to imagine the impossible. This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague us, we believe God meets us with grace and invites us to keep following. Thanks be to God for a love like that. 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.**

### Prayer @ Home

We remember in prayer students of color, students with disabilities, and LGBTQIA students

### ☛ Call to Discipleship

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### 🎵 Offertory Anthem

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

Adult Choir; Berea Suen, cello

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.*

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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**

🕊️ **Presentation of New Members**

John Seamon & Steve Walker, Elders

Linas & Louise Danilevicius

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 821** (GTG)

*My Life Goes On* (vss. 1,2,)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

⬆️🕊️ **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**

*Jesus Christus, unser Heiland*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Date	Time	Event
March 24	10 AM	Palm Sunday
March 28	7 PM	Maundy Thursday
March 29	7 PM	Good Friday
March 30	6 PM	Great Easter Vigil
March 31	10 AM	Easter Worship
March 31	11:30 AM	Easter Egg Hunt