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

Sunday, September 29, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centering Words: In a world that often feels isolating, the church is called to be a community of care and support. As we gather in worship, let us center our hearts on the love that binds us together and the ways we can care for one another.

Disciples Gather to Worship God

☛ Welcome (hopeaustin.org/connect)

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church where we:

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

♫ Prelude

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

David Paxton

⬆️☛ Call to Worship

We gather as a community of care and compassion.

In this place, we support and uplift one another.

Let us pray for those in need, offering our hearts and hands.

We come to share in the love and care of Christ.

Come, let us worship the God who binds us together in love.

We worship with hearts open to care for one another.

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

⬆️♫ Hymn 265 (GTG)

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

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

☛ Prayer of Confession

Karen McElhinney, Clerk of Session

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always cared for one another as You have called us to do. We have been indifferent to the needs of others and have failed to offer support in times of trouble. In your mercy, forgive us.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to be more attentive and compassionate. Restore us to be a community that reflects Your care and love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

☛ Assurance of God's Forgiveness

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

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

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

📖 Indicates when Scripture is read.

♫ Indicates when music is sung or heard.

☛ Indicates when someone is speaking.

GTG—*Glory to God* purple hymnal; STF—*Sing the Faith* blue hymnal

↑♫ 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.

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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 #692 (GTG)

Spirit Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

☪☪ Prayer for Illumination

☒ First Reading

Mark 9:38-50 (NRSV)

Bible p. 821

☪ 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

James 5:13-20 (NRSV)

Bible p. 983

☪ Sermon

You Belong Here: Supportive Church Family

Kate Roberts, Seminarian

Worship+2: GROW

Consider how you can actively participate in the care of your church community. What gifts or resources can you offer to those in need? This week, find a tangible way to support someone in your church, whether through a meal, a visit, or a prayer. Let this act of care strengthen the bonds of love within the body of Christ.

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

↑☪ Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)

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.

**Apostles' Creed (ecumenical) "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.

♪Response 466 (GTG)

Come Fill Our Hearts

Jacques Berthier

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

Prayer @ Home

International Day of Peace: God of peace, empower us to be instruments of Your peace in our troubled world.

☛Call to Discipleship

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♪Offertory Anthem

Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend
Adult Choir; Monica Johnson, solo

Pepper Choplin

Sweet are the prayers of a friend.

*How sweet are the prayers
that are offered up by a friend,
Who calls, calling up to heaven,
calling "Lord, come down,
come down and bless again."*

*Friends pray for healing,
they pray revealing
the heavy burdens of our souls.
They pray for courage,
unfailing courage,
asking God to make us whole.*

*Friends pray us through troubles,
through all our struggles
when life seems to fall apart.
They pray us through grieving,
always believing
our God can heal the broken heart.*

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↑♪Doxology 609 (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)

TWO OAKS

↑ 🗣️ Charge & Benediction

As we go out into the world, may we carry with us the message that all belong in God's love.
Let us be agents of welcome and grace, showing the world what Christian community looks like.

↑ 🎵 Response

Shalom to You

Young-Eslinger

Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.

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🎵 Postlude

Duke Street

arr. John Hatton

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