



February 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Centering Words: The Beatitudes are not a list of virtues to achieve but a portrait of the community Christ is forming. We are blessed not because we are strong but because God meets us in weakness. We are blessed not because we have arrived but because we hunger and thirst. Today we receive these blessings and let them reshape how we live.

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**

Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist

D. Buxtehude

Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

🗣️ **Call to Worship**

On the mountain, Jesus taught blessings that overturn the world's values.

We gather to hear those blessings spoken over us.

He called blessed the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers.

We come to be formed into that kind of community.

He promised that those who mourn will be comforted.

Let us worship the God who meets us in our need and shapes us for mercy.

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

🎵 **Hymn of Praise 401** (GTG)

Here in This Place

Marty Haugen

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

🙏 **Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

Merciful God, you bless the poor in spirit, but we confess we have trusted our own strength and accomplishments. You bless those who mourn, but we have avoided grief and ignored our neighbors' pain. You bless those who hunger for justice, but we have been satisfied with comfort and complicit in systems that harm the vulnerable. Forgive our self-reliance and indifference.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Form us into a people who trust your mercy and move toward those the world overlooks, 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.

🙏 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 children's entertainment bag is located at the narthex entrance.

A Sensory Sensitivity bag is located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

GTG– *Glory to God* purple hymnal

STF– *Sing the Faith* blue hymnal

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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

Disciples Listen to the Word of God

↑♫ Hymn 172 (GTG)

Blest Are They (vss. 1 & 2; 3 & 4; 5)

BEATITUDES

Please sing the Refrain after verses 2, 4 and 5 only.

☪☪ Prayer for Illumination

☪ First Reading

Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

Bible, pg. 757

Children's Sermon

Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through Elementary 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

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

Bible, pg. 785

☪ Sermon

Light Bearers: Blessed Are You

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

Worship+2: GROW

Jesus blessed the merciful and the peacemakers. This week, choose one Beatitude and read it slowly each day. Ask God where you see that blessing at work in your life or where you need it most. Then take one step toward embodying it: practice mercy in a relationship, pursue peace in a conflict, or stand with someone who is grieving or struggling.

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

↑☪ Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

☛ Call to Discipleship

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♫ Offertory Anthem

Draw Near
Adult Choir

Jonathan Willcocks

*Draw near and share the body of the Lord.**Draw near and drink of the blood of the Lord, that we may share his eternal love.**Draw near and be blessed by Jesus from above.**Draw near and eat of the body of the Lord, that we may share his eternal love.**Draw near to his glory, and then we shall be blessed by Jesus from above.*CCLI #2410054 © 1996 Laurel Press (a div. of the Lorenz Corporation)

⬆️ Doxology

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 Celebrate at the Table of God

☛ Invitation to the Table

The Lord's Table at Hope Presbyterian is open to all who seek to know and love Jesus Christ. Ushers will guide you forward. Come with hands cupped to receive bread, dip it in the cup, and return in prayer and song. Chalices with ribbons contain wine. Gluten-free or individual servings are available at Pastor Josh's station.

☛ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

♫ Sanctus 565 (GTG)*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Marty Haugen

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.****Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

... we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast:

♫ Memorial Acclamation 566 (GTG)*Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Marty Haugen

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

...all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

♪ Amen 568 (GTG)

Amen

Marty Haugen

A-men, a-men, a—men. A-men, a-men, a—men.

..Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Christ taught, 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.

♪ Communion Hymns

Hymn 501 (GTG)

Feed Us, Lord

FEED US

Hymn 468 (GTG)

In My Life

LORD BE GLORIFIED

Hymn

Alleluia

Jerry Sinclair

1. Alleluia, alleluia

3. I will praise him, alleluia...

2. He's my Savior, alleluia...

4. Alleluia, alleluia... CCLI # 16811 © 1972 Manna Music, Inc.

✠☪ Prayer After Communion

We have tasted your goodness and been filled with your grace. Now send us out as a people who bear blessing to the world. Make us gentle with the grieving, generous with the poor, and fierce in the work of peace. We are yours. Amen.

Disciples Depart to Serve God

♪ Hymn 847 (GTG)

Our Hope, Our Life

O Waly Waly

♪ Charge & Benediction

You are baptized. You are beloved. You are sent. Go into the world as bearers of Christ's light. Serve your neighbors with courage. Seek justice with humility. Trust that the Spirit goes with you. And may God bless you and keep you.

♪ Response

Shine Out the Light

Clark-Denson-Koch

Shine out the light, shine out the light; Shine out the light to the world. Like a
candle in the dark - ness burn-ing thru the night, We've got to shine out the light to the world.

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♪ Postlude

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Pachelbel

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