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Hope Congregational Church, UCC
Order of Worship 07-21-2024, 10:30 AM
9th Sunday after Pentecost

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!”

Gathering Music: “The Church’s One Foundation” (No. 544) Austin & Music Team

Welcome & Announcements Deacon Lori
(Inspired by Psalm 85:8-13)

- **Call to Worship Deacon Lori**

One: Holy One is with us. God’s hand remains with us.

All: God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

One: Holy Love keeps their covenant from generation to generation and establishes our future.

All: God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

One: Let us worship God together and praise the Holy Name!

All: God’s love is steadfast. God’s strength is enough. We can rest in God’s presence.

Opening Hymn: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
No. 506

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION &
RECONCILIATION**

Deacon Lori: Wonderful Creator, you come to us with power and gentleness, strength and compassion, peace and joy. We come to you with hope and hopelessness, love and heartbreak, thanksgiving and lament. You fortify us as we go on our journey, assured of your presence and renewed by your love.

All: Give us rest in our coming and our going. Give us joy in ministering in your name. May our worship restore our soul as we dwell in your presence. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Rev. Bob: Beloved, you do not journey alone. In community with the Holy One and one another, we find grace and strength to heed the call to discipleship.

All: In Christ, we carry the good news and reflect a God who is near to us, faithful to redeem, and affirms our rest and renewal.

Hymn of Grace

No. 734

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Spirit One;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

A Story Moment

Rev. Bob

PASSING THE PEACE

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 11-22 (The Message)
Deacon Lori

¹¹⁻¹³ But don't take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God's covenants and promises in Israel, hadn't a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. Now because of Christ—dying that death, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether are in on everything.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The Messiah has made things up between us so that we're now together on this, both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders. He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. He repealed the law code that had become so clogged with fine print and footnotes that it hindered more than it helped. Then he started over. Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. Through him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.

¹⁹⁻²² That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You *belong* here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after

day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

Sermon/Reflection: “Tear Down to Build Up”

Rev. Bob

- **Hymn: “O, How I Love Jesus” No. 109**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Bob

Prayer Requests & Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer: (using “debts” and “debtors”) All

Sung Response: “Let the Church Say Amen” All

*Let the church say amen, Let the church say amen,
Altogether, let the church say amen.*

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

Rev. Bob

Special Music: “You’ve Got a Friend”

Austin & Music Team

By Carole King

- **Doxology “Give Thanks” No. 359**

Give Thanks, with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One.

*Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his
Son.*

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”

Let the poor say, “I am rich,”

*Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give
thanks!*

- **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

All

Generous God, we give these gifts to you through this faith community. May you lead and guide us with discernment so that our ministry would give you glory, honor your name, and benefit your creation. Amen.

- **Closing Hymn: “This is My Father’s World”** **No. 21**

Benediction:

Rev. Bob

- ***Benediction Response (sung): “God Be with You”***

*God be with you,
God be with you,
God be with you ‘till we meet again.
O---God be with you,
God be with you,
God be with you ‘till we meet again.*

***Closing Music: “Lead Me, Guide Me” (No. 498)
Austin & Music Team***

Calendar & Announcements

- Rev. Bob will be
 - at Hope on Tuesday and Thursday.
 - at Riverside on Wednesday.
- Please contact Rev. Bob directly by phone, (401) 339-6134 or email, nolan062400@gmail.com if you would like to visit him during his office hours or at an alternative time.
- The “**Get Crafty**” group is suspending meetings for the Summer. They will start up again in September.
- **Cobweb Community thrift shop @ Riverside Church Cobweb Shop** Wednesday-Thursdays 9-12 & Second Saturdays of the month 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.
- **Lighthouse Community food rescue mission @ Riverside Church**
Wednesdays - Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.