

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*First Sunday after Epiphany  
Baptism Renewal Sunday*

**January 9, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “O Love, How Deep, How Broad” (verses 1 & 2) No. 244

## CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted, “With All God’s People: New Ecumenical Prayer Cycle)

**One:** At Christmas we saw you as a child, while in the present we see you full grown, our God made manifest, perfect God from perfect God. For today, the time of the feast is at hand for us; the choir of saints assemble with us and the angels join in keeping festival.

**All: Light from Light, we glorify you.**

**One:** Today, the grace of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended upon the waters. Today, the sun that never sets has risen and the world is filled with splendor by the light of the Lord.

**All: Today, the moon shines upon the world with the brightness of its rays.**

**One:** Today, the glittering stars make the inhabited earth fair with the radiance of their shining.

**All: Light from Light, we glorify you.**

\*HYMN “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” No. 231

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love, cleanse us from our hardness of heart. Wash us clean from our stubbornness and our wrongdoing. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, we pray. Amen. (Psalm 51:10)**

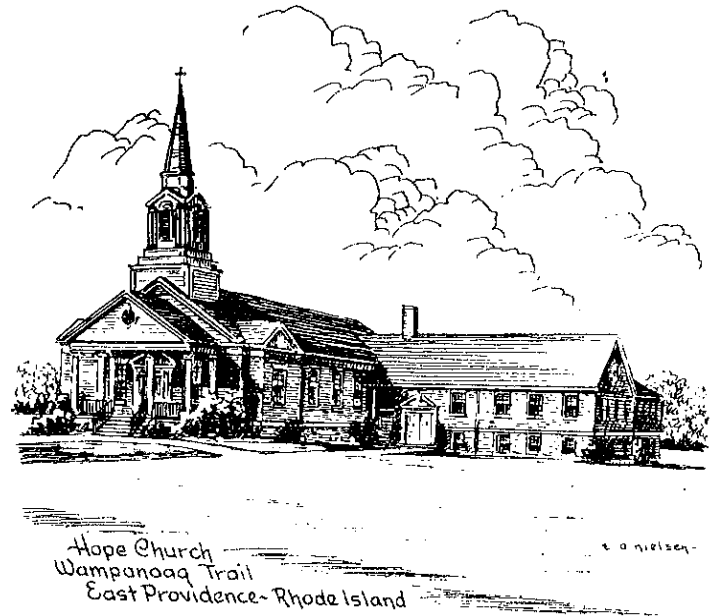
*\*If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand.*

## NEWS AND NOTES

1. A very special welcome and thanks to our guest pastor for January and February, **Rev. David Mehl**. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ since 1978, Rev. Mehl retired to Rhode Island in November 2019 after serving congregations in New England and St. Louis for more than three decades. Before finishing his career, he served as the Executive Director of Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis - one of the oldest interfaith organizations in the country. Please take the time to personally meet and welcome Rev. Mehl to Hope Church.
2. **The Diaconate Board** will meet, **Monday, January 10 via Zoom** at 6:00 p.m.
3. **Tuesday, January 11** - The **3M's Group** will gather for a **luncheon and meeting at Palmer River Grille**, 382 Market St., Warren at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome! Anyone interested in attending should call Sarah Tonole at 392-1978.
4. The **Property and Finance Committee** will meet **Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m.**
5. **Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 23, 2022** after worship
6. The **"Get Crafty"** group meets every **Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** You can bring your own crafts to work on or others will be provided. Leave your stress at home! Everyone is welcome!
7. Hope Church is open and ready to welcome any members of the community who are in search of a warm and friendly place to worship. **Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us.**

**In light of the emerging contagions with the Omicron strain of the virus, we are asking/encouraging people to wear masks, even if vaccinated, during worship.** Everyone will also be expected to sign in on our contact list.

If you are unable to attend the regular worship service of Hope Church in person on any given Sunday, the following is the information needed to livestream the service on YouTube or any time after and to get the Sunday bulletin to follow along with the service. A link to this week's livestream service and bulletin as well as those from past weeks is available at: [hopecongr.org/?page\\_id=90](http://hopecongr.org/?page_id=90). You



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Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God, the Holy Spirit.**

Will you continue  
in the apostles' teaching and community,  
in the breaking of bread,  
and in prayer?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
Respecting the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

#### BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray,

Eternal God,  
you have come to us in Jesus Christ,  
given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,  
and forgiven all our sins.  
Bless us now with the grace we need  
to fulfill what we have promised.

**Keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ,  
for ever and ever.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Amen.**

(As the hymn "Borning Cry" is being sung, the pastor will move  
among the congregation and sprinkle the people with water from  
pine boughs.)

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9) Friends in Christ, I  
announce with joy that we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

#### SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in  
their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John  
answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is  
more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his  
sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing  
fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat  
into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been  
baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit  
descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from  
heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON "Remembering our Baptism" Rev. David Mehl

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL Insert

\*HYMN "Borning Cry" Insert

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer (including prayer concerns)

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom  
come, Your 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  
yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Prayer Response "Let the Church Say Amen"

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

## DELIGHTING IN GIVING

(The offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary.)

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

Offertory "Beneath the Moon and Stars" *Kim Kuda*

\*Doxology "Give Thanks" No. 359

\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Loving God, as a sign of baptism renewal, we offer these gifts - we offer our very selves - to be used for your glory and goodwill in this hurting world. Make of us and these gifts, sacraments, holy and acceptable in your sight, through Christ we pray.  
Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 712

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. David Mehl

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Margaret McKiernan

MUSIC TEAM - Andrew Foster, Dale Magnuson,  
Sangho Nam, Kim Kuda



## SERVICE OF BAPTISM RENEWAL

### GREETING

Dear friends, at the beginning of this new year, as we come to this font of living water, let us recall the meaning of baptism.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For by one Spirit  
we were all baptized into one body -  
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -  
and all were made to drink of one Spirit.**

Now you are the body of Christ  
and individually members of it.

### BLESSING OF WATER

### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil  
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
The only begotten of God before all worlds.**