

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT

“Love is the Gift”

Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP (from “A New Zealand Prayer Book”)

One: Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives.

All: Yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities.

One: Set us, your creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting.

All: Until your kingdom comes. Amen.

*HYMN “Jesus, Come, for We Invite You” (verses 1 & 2) No. 669

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, we look at the events around us and cannot perceive you within them. Problems seem too complicated to be solved. Violence seems too prevalent to ever feel safe. We listen for your voice and worry that all we will hear is silence. We live in fear rather than in faith. Help us turn from fear to faith, we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the silence, there is a holy presence too deep for words. God understands our fear, sustains us through it and guides us in the ways of peace.

All: Through Christ, miracles do happen, water becomes wine, and we are freed to live with courage, new strength and grace. We are forgiven and can begin anew this day! Thanks be to God!

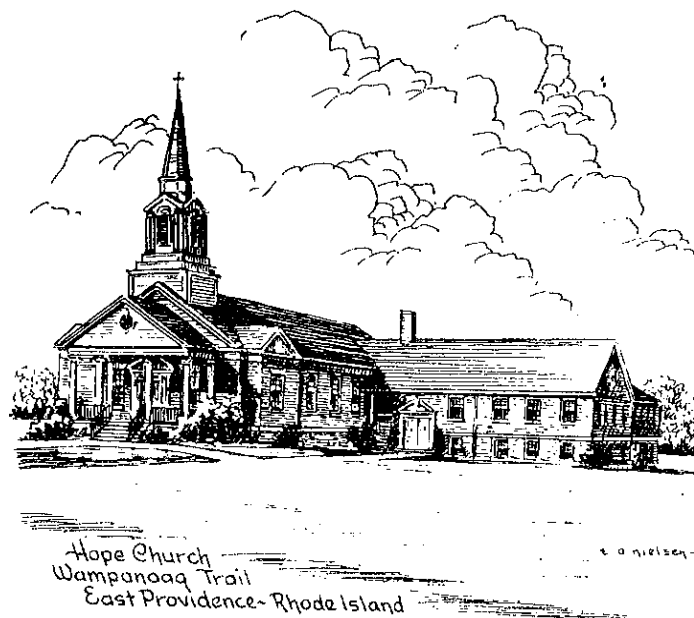
**If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand.*

NEWS AND NOTES

1. Copies of the **2021 Annual Report** are available in the foyer.
2. **MLK Jr. Day of Service, Monday, January 17** - Honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by serving our community. See the following link: <https://www.pointsoflight.org/mlk-jr-day-of-service/>
3. **Annual Meeting - Next Sunday, January 23, 2022** after worship. Please make every effort to attend.
4. 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!
5. 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: hopecongrgri.org/?page_id=90. You can click on the "plus" mark for that week.



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SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

"Living Between Manger and Cross" Rev. David Mehl

*HYMN

"O Lord, We See Your Wondrous Signs" 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 "For the Life That You Have Given"

*Doxology "Give Thanks" No. 359

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Dear God, these offering plates are filled with people - with us
and our lives! We offer our tithes and our lives to your service in
response to the miracles of faith that you bring each day. With
gratitude we pray, Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN "God, You Turn the World Around" Insert

*BENEDICTION

Praise the Creator, giving life.

Praise Word Incarnate, conquering death.

Praise Holy Spirit, breathing hope.

All creation praise our God.

*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