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Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 02-04-2024, 10:30 AM

5th Sunday after Epiphany / Communion Sunday

Gathering Music: "Ride On, King Jesus"
Austin & Music Team

Welcome & Announcements

Deacon Cora Rose

**Call to Worship - from Psalm 111 and
Deuteronomy 18: 15-20**

One: We come to worship...

Many: Giving thanks with whole hearts...

All: In the company of this congregation.

One: We worship the One who is gracious and
merciful...

Many: Holy and awesome is God's name!

All: Let us worship God together!

- **Opening Hymn: "They'll Know We Are
Christians" No. 595**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION &
RECONCILIATION**

Deacon Cora Rose

One: God invites us to come to worship as our whole selves: God offers us a new beginning day by day and week by week. Trusting in God, we pray for transformation and new life:

Many: Holy One, we hope in your steadfast love, bringing our broken hearts and our wounded spirits. Make us aware of the hearts we break, the spirits we wound, of those we treat as outcasts, of those we tread down. Renew us in your grace, renew us in your strength. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth, you who spread the heavens like a curtain, and make us a tent to live in, gather us in the shelter of your love, and renew our strength, that with wings as eagles we might not grow weary as we walk with you.

Many: We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

- **Gloria Patri**

*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 Time for All Ages / Story Moment Rev. Bob

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Bob: God calls us to create a community
which welcomes all:
To care and love unconditionally,
To free us and create a welcome for all.
May the Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Rev. Bob: Let share that welcome with each other,
that Love!

Scripture: Mark 1: 29-39 (NRSVUE)

Deacon Cora Rose

¹⁹⁻²⁰ A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee's sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed.

21-22 Then they entered Capernaum. When the Sabbath arrived, Jesus lost no time in getting to the meeting place. He spent the day there teaching. They were surprised at his teaching—so forthright, so confident—not quibbling and quoting like the religion scholars.

23-24 Suddenly, while still in the meeting place, he was interrupted by a man who was deeply disturbed and yelling out, “What business do you have here with us, Jesus? Nazarene! I know what you’re up to! You’re the Holy One of God, and you’ve come to destroy us!”

25-26 Jesus shut him up: “Quiet! Get out of him!” The afflicting spirit threw the man into spasms, protesting loudly—and got out.

27-28 Everyone there was spellbound, buzzing with curiosity. “What’s going on here? A new teaching that does what it says? He shuts up defiling, demonic spirits and tells them to get lost!” News of this traveled fast and was soon all over Galilee.

29-31 Directly on leaving the meeting place, they came to Simon and Andrew’s house,

accompanied by James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed, burning up with fever. They told Jesus. He went to her, took her hand, and raised her up. No sooner had the fever left than she was up fixing dinner for them.

32-34 That evening, after the sun was down, they brought sick and evil-afflicted people to him, the whole city lined up at his door! He cured their sick bodies and tormented spirits. Because the demons knew his true identity, he didn't let them say a word.

35-37 While it was still night, way before dawn, he got up and went out to a secluded spot and prayed. Simon and those with him went looking for him. They found him and said, "Everybody's looking for you."

38-39 Jesus said, "Let's go to the rest of the villages so I can preach there also. This is why I've come." He went to their meeting places all through Galilee, preaching and throwing out the demons.

**Sermon/Reflection: "Do What You Say & Say
What You Do" Rev. Bob**

- Hymn: ***“All Hail the Power of Jesus’
Name”*** **No. 106**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer Requests & Pastoral Prayer

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

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

Rev. Bob

*Special Music: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
(No. 496) Austin & Music Team*

- **Doxology** **“Give Thanks”**

*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 DEDICATION** **All**

Holy One, we bring our gifts and pray that they may be for the building up and lifting up of your people, for the binding of wounds and the healing of hearts, for shelter and for covering and clothing for those in need. With these gifts we offer our songs of praise as we hope in your steadfast love. Amen.

The Communion Prayer / Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.

People: We are ready!

UCC Statement of Faith ***Back of hymnal***

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

People: *We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!*

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

People: *“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

Pastor: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

People: *“Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ’s presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread . . .

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: “There’s Something About That Name” Austin & Music Team

- Rev. Bob will be at Hope on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Rev. Bob will be at Riverside on Wednesday. If you wish to visit, contact Rev. Bob directly by phone, (401) 339-6134 or email, nolan062400@gmail.com to arrange your visit in the weeks to come.
- The “**Get Crafty**” group meets at Hope Church on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM. All are welcome.
- **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 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- **Lent Book Read and Discussion**– We will be reading the book, **Holy Moments** by Matthew Kelly. See Rev. Bob for a copy. We will meet after church during the 5 Sundays of Lent beginning February 18th at approximately 11:45 at Hope Church.
- The Property & Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, February 11 following our church service.
- The Deacons will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m.
- And don't forget your used clothing for the Saint Pauly Shed.
 - Hope's partnership with St. Pauly's Clothing shed had the following impact over the past year:
 - 36,036 pounds of clothing were donated.
 - This was enough to clothe an estimated 6,638 people all over the world.
 - Based on this volume of clothing, Hope received \$1,442.00

February Birthdays:

Judy Wood

February 22

Paula Perkins Bushnell

February 23

Margaret McKiernan

February 27