

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT

“Welcoming God”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the streets, in the busyness of daily living, we encounter
Christ,

All: and our lives are changed.

One: At home, with family and friends, or on our own, we encounter
Christ,

All: and our lives are changed.

One: In unexpected places, in times of prayer, we encounter Christ,

All: and our lives are changed.

One: Bring your changed lives. Come into this place, and let us
worship God.

*HYMN

“Gather Us In”

No. 649

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) (Adapted from Ruth Duck)

**God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace
without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the
midst of struggle, and for commitment to each other’s growth.
We long for the day when our homes are a dwelling place for your
love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious; we are not willing
to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires.
Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in
our world, and show us how to walk in your ways, through the
mercy of our Savior we pray, Amen.**

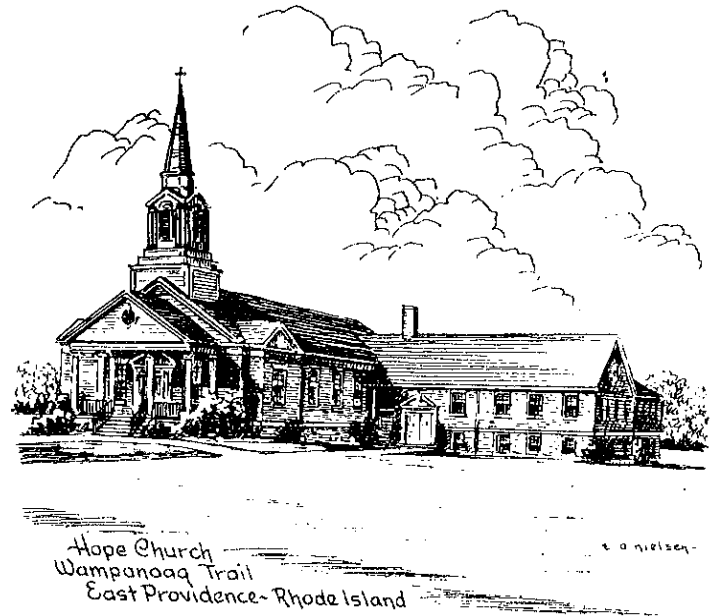
**If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand.*

NEWS AND NOTES

1. **Our Office Administrator, Shirley**, will be back from vacation tomorrow morning, and will resume her office hours, 9 a.m.-noon., Monday-Friday.
2. 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!
3. Don't forget that **“SCRIP” gift cards** are still available to use instead of cash or credit card at your favorite retailer. Some gift cards are readily available or you can place an order for others. Please see Rick Bushnell or contact Shirley in the office for more details or to place an order. This is a great way to financially help the church!
4. 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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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always.
This is the good news that brings us new life.

**All: We are forgiven and free to live and love with newness of
life! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*HYMN

“Song of Praise”

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

SERMON

“**Blessedness**”

Rev. David Mehl

*HYMN

“Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”

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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 "Blest Are They"

*Doxology "Give Thanks" No. 359

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Wondrous and blessed God, we thank you for our blessings beyond measure from your loving hands. May these gifts we bring be a sign of our gratitude and a clear message of hope for those in need, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" No. 575

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. David Mehl
MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda
DEACON & LAY READER - Cora Rose
MUSIC TEAM - Andrew Foster, Dale Magnuson,
Sangho Nam, Kim Kuda