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## NEWS AND NOTES

1. The **3 M's Club** will have their **April Luncheon Meeting** on Tuesday, **April 12th** at the Twin Oaks Restaurant in Cranston. All are welcome! Please let Sarah Tonole know if you plan to attend.
2. The **Property and Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday, **April 12th** at 6:00 p.m.
3. **All-Church Yard Sale - Saturday, April 23rd , 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** Help will be needed of Friday night for set-up and then on Saturday! Items can be brought to the church the week of the sale when Shirley is in the office.
4. The **"Get Crafty"** group meets every **Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Please bring your own crafts to work on as we enjoy fellowship with one another. Leave your stress at home! Everyone is welcome!
5. 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!
6. 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 contagions with the Omicron strain of the virus, we are 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 can click on the "plus" mark for that week.

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 8:1-8

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

SERMON "There's Something About Mary"

\*HYMN "Christ Taught Us of a Farmer" 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 "If My People's Hearts are Humbled"

\*Doxology "Give Thanks" No. 359

\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

UCC Statement of Faith Back of hymnal

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (non-alcoholic)

Hymn "Create in Me"

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**O God, by coming to your table, we receive more gifts than we deserve. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound in covenant. Renew us so that we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Praise and Thanksgiving" No. 722

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Jonathan Ryder

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Lori Russell

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

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Communion*

**April 3, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners” (verse 1) No. 90

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us to choose between life and death, between blessing and curse.

**All: We are gathered like the people of Israel, who were challenged to choose the way of life.**

One: Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

**All: Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God.**

One: By our presence here, we are saying that we choose life.

**All: Let us praise the God of love and life who has called us to this place. Amen.**

\*HYMN “We Have Come to Join in Worship” No. 647

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

**The love of God for us is shown in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live in hope, joy, and peace of God’s presence. Amen.**