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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

May 1, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “Lord, Be With our Congregation” Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy One, Provider

All: Our ever-present help

One: In our emptiness

All: You remind us of your presence

One: In your abundance

All: You remind us you are here

One: With a love that conquers death

All: You remind us we are yours

One: Holy! Holy! Holy!

All: To the ever-present One. Amen.

*HYMN “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” No. 87

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lover of Creation, forgive us. We have not loved ourselves; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not followed in your ways; we have rebelled against your love. Forgive us, engage us, reshape our imaginations. Trade our complacency for your courage, our pettiness for your possibility, our greed for your goodness, our aimlessness for your adventure, and our lives for your love. Amen.

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

Offering of the Bread and Cup
Communion Hymn "When at This Table"
Thanksgiving and Dedication After the Meal (Unison)

O God, who has so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us, we thank you for this supper shared in the spirit with your son, Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him. Grant us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual offering to you: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

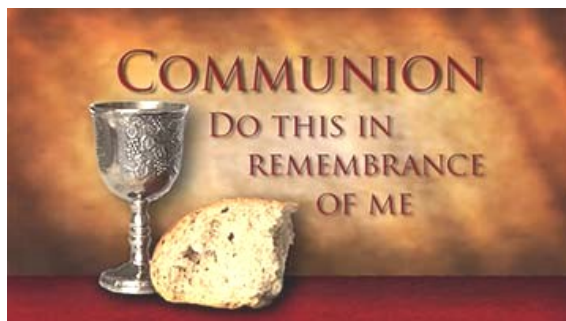
***CLOSING HYMN**

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

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Open your hearts. Hear the good news. God has not abandoned us; God has not sent us out to find our own way. God is with us, all around us, at work within us. In the name of all that is, you are welcome into the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of the Creator of our hearts.

All: **Glory to the Giver of Life! Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 734

SCRIPTURE READING John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

NEWS AND NOTES

1. We welcome back and thank **Rev. David Mehl** who is serving as our guest pastor this morning.
2. 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!
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. Don't forget your used clothing for the **St. Pauly shed**.
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 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: hopecongre.org/?page_id=90. You can click on the "plus" mark for that week.