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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 8, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I looked up and heard the voice of angels, thousands and thousands around God, singing:

All: "Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

One: Then I heard every creature on earth and under the earth, and on the sea singing:

All: "To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

*HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 473

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused to do, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow in your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Rise up from the dust. Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

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

NEWS AND NOTES

1. The **flowers** in the front of the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of the mothers of Hope Church who have passed away, and the flowers in the windows are given in honor of the current mothers of Hope Church.
2. The **Property and Finance Committee** will meet Tuesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m.
3. The **3 M's Group** will have their monthly **Luncheon Meeting** on Tuesday, May 17 at Twin Oaks in Cranston at 12 noon. All are welcome! Please let Sarah Tonole know if you plan to attend.
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. Don't forget your used clothing for the **St. Pauly shed**.
7. 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.

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 "Mother's Prayer"

*Doxology "Give Thanks" No. 359

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise, and use them for your glory and the good of your people; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Glory Bound" Insert

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

GUEST PASTOR - Jonathan Ryder

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Margaret McKiernan

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



SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

SERMON

“Every Tear from Their Eyes”

*HYMN

“Day by Day”

No. 449