

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “They’ll Know We Are Christians” No. 595

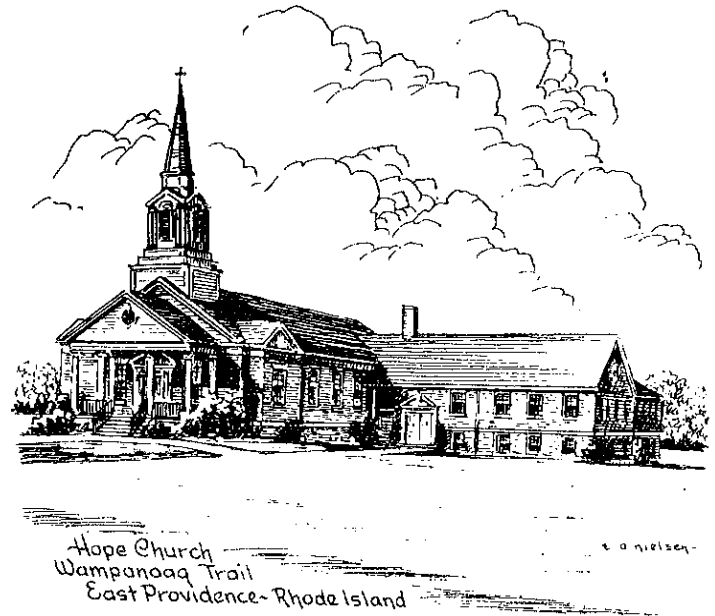
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*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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love one
ANOTHER
as i have
loved you

JOHN 13:34



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (verse 1) No. 358

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are gathered this day, into the presence of our Creator.

All: We are gathered to create and renew the bonds of community.

One: We are gathered this day, into the presence of our Redeemer.

All: We are gathered to redeem ourselves from aimlessness and sin.

One: We are gathered this day, into the presence of the Comforter.

All: We are gathered to comfort one another in times of stress and trouble.

One: Let us worship this day!

All: We come to worship and praise! Alleluia. Amen.

*HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” No. 560

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us up to new horizons, yet so often we respond with fear and judgement that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God’s promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:31-35

“When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

SERMON “As I Have Loved You”

*HYMN “O God, In Your Love” 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 “O How He Loves You and Me”

O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me;
He gave his life - what more could he give?
O how he loves you, O how he loves me,
O how he loves you and me!

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

(The offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary.)

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

Offertory “Love One Another”

*Doxology “Give Thanks” No. 359

NEWS AND NOTES

1. 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.
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 emerging strains of Covid, 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: hopecongri.org/?page_id=90. You can click on the "plus" mark for that week.