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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

## NEWS AND NOTES

May 22, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “You Call Us, Lord, to Worship”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: Let the Creator be among us**

One: In our hearts, may God be welcome

**All: May God’s love shape our every thought**

One: May our actions lead to God’s justice

**All: May our words be words of life**

One: May God’s Spirit lead us

**All: May God’s peace dwell within us**

**Amen.**

\*HYMN “Rain Down”

No. 444

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**We have not yet learned to love as you love. We have spoken praise in our mouths when our hearts were far from you. The gifts you gave for our peace, we have weaponized. Yet, even in our failings, your love has never failed us. Even when we turned you away, you still chose to make your home among us. Our hearts are troubled; we are enmeshed in fear.**

**Creation needs you; our families need you; our streets need you; our cities need you; the soil needs you; our souls need you. Heal us. Forgive us and make us whole again. Amen.**

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

1. A very special welcome and thanks to **Rev. Korte Yeo** who is serving as our supply pastor this morning. Please take the time to personally welcome Rev. Yeo to Hope Church.
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](http://hopecongri.org/?page_id=90). You can click on the "plus" mark for that week.

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

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

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

Offertory "For the Life That You Have Given"

\*Doxology "Give Thanks" No. 359

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" No. 93

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Korte Yeo

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Margaret McKiernan

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Beloved of God, hear the good news. God's faithfulness is sure. God's love will not fail us. In accordance with God's lovingkindness you are forgiven, you are welcome, you are home.

**All: Glory to the love of God. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

No. 734

**SCRIPTURE READING**      John 5:1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

**SERMON**      **"Are We Sure We Want to be Made Well?"**

**\*HYMN**      "When We Face an Unknown Future"      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.