

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 "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

*Doxology "Give Thanks" No. 359

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and giving God, you are the One who first has given to us all that we need for life. Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church, for those in need of food and shelter, for all who suffer for want of your Word, and for nurturing faith in your people. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 614

*BENEDICTION

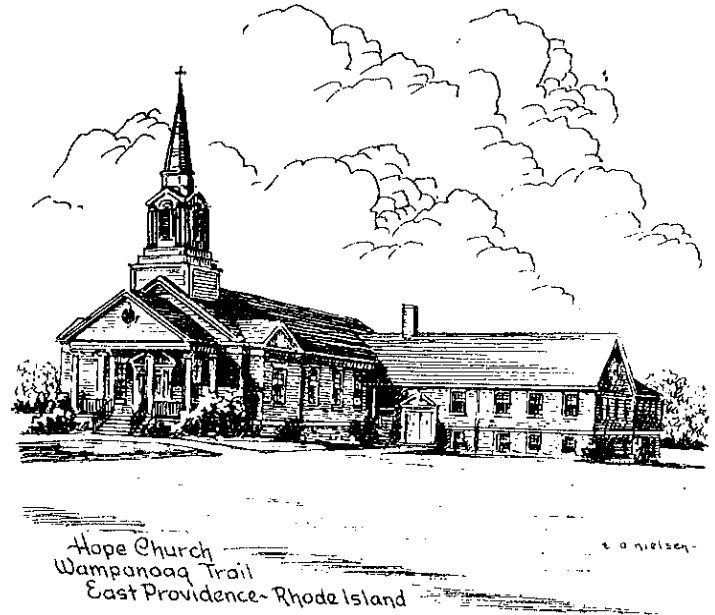
*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Jonathan Ryder

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “May We Your Love Proclaim” Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

All: The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

One: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.

All: You are from everlasting,

One: Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea.

All: Mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. Let us come to worship. Alleluia. Amen.

*HYMN “Christ the Eternal Lord” (verses 1-3) No. 335

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give riches we cannot see. We have not honored our sisters and brothers as heirs of your desired peace. We have not forgiven ourselves or others.

Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth, that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty, to the glory of your ascended Christ. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus and the assurance of pardon in Jesus’ name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of your sins, that with renewed life you may serve this creation and the people of God in peace and strength.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

SERMON “It’s Your Move”

*HYMN “Joy to the World” No. 179

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer (including prayer concerns)
Time of Silent Prayer

NEWS AND NOTES

1. The **office will be closed** tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.
2. The **3rd Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference, UCC** will be held on Saturday, **June 18** (virtual), 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.. For further information and registration by June 13th, go to www.sneucc.org.
3. **Congratulations to Rebecca “Becky” Martins** who was married to Adam Paolino on April 22nd, and who now live in Chepachet.
4. We have available a stackable **gas washer and dryer** as well as an **outdoor children’s gymnasium**. If interested call Cora Rose at (401) 829-0970.
5. Churches of Riverside **Blood Dive** in memory of Tyler Ballou, Monday, **June 6th**, 2 –8 p.m., St. Brendan’s Church Parish Hall. Donations by appointment at www.ribc.org/drives, sponsor code 2037.
6. 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!
7. 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!
8. Don’t forget your used clothing for the **St. Pauly shed**.
9. **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.