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**Hope Congregational Church UCC**

**Order of Worship 06-02-2024, 10:30 AM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of after Pentecost / Communion  
Sunday**

**“No matter who you are or where you are on  
life’s journey, you are welcome here!”**

***Gathering Music: “Air” from Water Music  
by G.F. Handel Austin Burns***

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Deacon Robin**

- **Call to Worship**

**One:** Holy One, you have searched and known us.

**All:** You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.

**One:** You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All:** Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.

One: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

**All: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, that we know very well.**

- **Opening Hymn:                    “Change My Heart,  
O God”                                No. 373**

## **PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION & RECONCILIATION**

**Deacon Robin:** We are called to “observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as our God commanded us.”

**Many:                    Be with us Holy One, so that we may be refreshed and renewed. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us as we gather in worship and praise, for all you do in Jesus’ name.**

### **Assurance of God’s Grace**

Rev. Bob: Scripture tells us “Light will shine out of darkness,” and though we may be “afflicted in every way, we are not

crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair” and when we turn to God for blessed grace; grace is always granted.

**Many:** **We believe in the light of Christ. We are forgiven. Alleluia!**

• **Gloria Patri**

**No. 734**

*Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Spirit One;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

**PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Bob: God calls us to create a community which welcomes all:

To care and love unconditionally,  
To free us and create a welcome for all.

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

**All:** **And also, with you!**

Rev. Bob: Let share that welcome with each other, that Love!

**Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 (NRSVUE)**

**Deacon Robin**

<sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, <sup>9</sup> persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, <sup>10</sup> always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us but life in you.

**Sermon/Reflection: "Shades of Life"**

**Rev. Bob**

- **Hymn: "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"**

# 490 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

*D A7 C#m Bm D#m G Bm G#m A7sus2 Bm G D#m Em*

1. Sis - ter, let, me be your ser - vant, *Sib - ling*  
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, *bro - ther*  
 3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you fel - low  
 4. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall  
 5. *Sib - ling* ~~Broth - er~~ let me be your ser - vant, *Sib - ling*

*D Em Bm7 A7 C#m D A7sus2 A G D A7 E B#m D#m*

1. let me walk with you; pray that I may  
 2. trav - 'lers on the road. We are here to  
 3. laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your  
 4. find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've  
 5. let me walk with you; pray that I may

*Em G A7 Bm Em Bm G#m Bm Em A7sus2 D*

1. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 2. help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 3. joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney thro'.  
 4. known to - geth - er of great love and ag - o - ny.  
 5. have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.

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 MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. A. Eugene Ellsworth, 1994

THE SERVANT SONG  
 87.87

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **Prayer Requests & Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer: (using "debts" and "debtors")**

**All**

**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      Deacon Robin**

***Special Music*      "You Are Light of the World"**  
***from Godspell*      *Austin & Music Team***

- **Doxology**                      **"Give Thanks  
No. 359**

*Give Thanks, with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his  
Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give  
thanks!*

• **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING &  
DEDICATION** **All**

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen..**

***The Communion Prayer / Words of Institution***

*Pastor: Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.*

***People: We are ready!***

**UCC Statement of Faith** ***Back of hymnal***

*Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.*

***People: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!***



*Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .*

***People: “Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”***

*Pastor: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,*

***People: “Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”***

*Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ’s presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread . . .*

***People: We participate in the Body of Christ.***

*Pastor: Through the cup of blessing . . .*

***People: We participate in the new life Christ gives.***



*God be with you 'till we meet again.  
O---God be with you,  
God be with you,  
God be with you 'till we meet again.*

**Closing Music:**            **“Help Us Accept Each  
Other” (No. 596)**            **Austin & Music Team**

### **Calendar and Announcements**

- A special collection is taken on Communion Sundays for the Deacon’s Fund. Please place your donation in the offering plate that indicates the “Deacon’s Offering”. Thank you.
- Rev. Bob will be on vacation the week of June 3rd and will return to the office on Tuesday, June 11th.
- Please contact Rev. Bob directly by phone, (401) 339-6134 or email, [nolan062400@gmail.com](mailto:nolan062400@gmail.com) if you would like to visit him during his office hours or at an alternative time.
- The “**Get Crafty**” group meets at Hope Church on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM. All are welcome.
- There will be a **church clean up** after church today.

- The **RI State Grange** will be holding a church service here today, **June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** led by Pastor Bob. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments and fellowship following the service.
- ***Cobweb Community thrift shop @ Riverside Church Cobweb Shop***  
Wednesday-Thursdays 9-12 & Second Saturdays of the month 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.
- ***Lighthouse Community food rescue mission @ Riverside Church*** Wednesdays - Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- And don't forget your used clothing for the Saint Pauly Shed.