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Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 06-04-2023, 10:30 AM

Trinity Sunday

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

- *Where you see this, please stand.*

PRELUDE: Kim Kuda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT: “Bless His Holy Name” No. 4

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

All: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

All: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

• **HYMN:**

“All Creatures of Our God and King” (vs 1-3) No. 23

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Where do we begin, Lord God? We survey our world and see the inequity and violence, the death of innocents and the exploitation of the vulnerable. We would like to say that we do not participate in such blatant brutality, but when we do not work for justice, stand with the oppressed and speak truth to power, we perpetuate the very things you hate the most. Your prophets tell us plainly that our worship offends you when it is not accompanied by our care for the least among us.

• **All: We need your help, Almighty God. We cannot right the wrongs of our world or cleanse the sin within our souls without your intervention. We come to you now, humbled, contrite, begging for your mercy, longing for your transformation.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Let us pray...

But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of the Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Gracious God, you meet us as we are, but do not leave us as you find us. Send your Spirit and open us to the transformative power of your living Word. Trusting your promise that your word will not return to you empty, we ask that you use this time of proclamation to form us more in the likeness of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Bob

PASSING THE PEACE

One: 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!

One: Let share that welcome with each other, that
Love!

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1: 3-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace intended for you made careful

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

Rev. Bob

(Offering Plates are at the back of the sanctuary)

Offertory Music:

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Music Team

Doxology

“Alleluia No. 1”

Refrain:

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!*

*Spread the good news o’er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. [Refrain]*

• PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All

Lord, you require of us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. We pray that these gifts represent our desire to be faithful in our daily living. We ask that you would bless our offerings, not just of our money but of ourselves, in order to make of us the salt and light in the world you call us to be. May these gifts further your will for justice, love and peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Bob

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.

All: We are ready!

One: *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.*

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

UCC Statement of Faith

Back of hymnal

Words of Institution

One: *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 .*

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

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

All: *“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.”*

One: *Let us pray...Bless us, therefore, by your Holy Spirit that we receive the consecrated bread and fruit of the vine at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.*

One: *Through the broken bread...*

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

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

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

One: *These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Let us share the bread and cup together!*

Sharing of the Elements *(congregation will approach the Deacon & Pastor, take a piece of bread and dip in the cup; we will come to anyone needing assistance)*

Communion Song:

“Beyond the Moon and Stars”

Music Team

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

All

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

- **Closing Hymn:** “God of Creation, All-Powerful”
No. 27

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bob

CHORAL BENEDICTION “This is the day!”

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Calendar & Announcements

- Rev. Bob will have his regular office hours this week on Tuesday and Thursday. He would also like to visit with our members when they are available in the office or at their home. If you are interested, contact the office or Rev. Bob directly.
- New office hours have been established for each week, Tuesday thru Thursday, 8 AM - 1 PM.

- The “Get Crafty” group meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your own crafts to work on as we enjoy fellowship with one another. They are also working on prayer squares, a pocket-sized version of a prayer shawl. A time of sharing where everyone is welcome!
- The churches of Riverside are hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, June 5, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Brendan’s Church, Riverside - An appointment is needed by calling the RI Blood Center (401) 453-8383) or at: customerservice@ribc.org
- And don’t forget your used clothing for the St. Pauly shed!