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Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 06-11-2023, 10:30 AM

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

- *Where you see this, please stand.*

Prelude:

Angel's Serenade by Gaetano Braga Sandy Nolan

Welcome & Announcements (see back of bulletin)

Deacon

Introit: “Seek Ye First”

No. 349

• **Call to Worship**

One: The promise to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants came through faith.

Many: The inheritance is based on God’s grace

One: and is for all of us who are connected through the centuries,

Many: connected to Abraham and Sarah and all their descendants through faith—

One: Faith in the God who opened Sarah’s womb,

Many: Faith in the God who protected from flood and fire,

One: Faith in the God who led the people out of Egypt,

Many: Faith in the God who sent angels and prophets,

One: Faith in the God who became flesh in Jesus.

Many: We claim the inheritance of those who live by faith—

One: Faith in the God who gives life to the dead

Many: Faith in the God who calls things that don't exist into existence.

All: *Let us worship with joy.*

Opening Hymn:

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” No. 405

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deacon: Holy God,

We seek to be faithful to your way of peace and justice.

When we are not wise enough, or loving enough, or bold enough to follow your path, Forgive us.

All: **Steadfast God,
We long to know the truth of your
faithfulness to us.**

**When we ignore the Spirit, when we turn
away, when we carry fear,
Forgive us. Let us live within your faithful
love,
*That our steps may be ever faithful. Amen.***

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Let us pray...
Merciful God, we confess that our sin turns us
from you again and again. We are a sinful
generation longing for your mercy.
We want not only to save our lives, but to
gain the whole world as well. We are too
often ashamed to show our faith to the world
around us. Have mercy on us.

All: **If we rely upon the law of God,
we are beyond hope.
But in God's mercy we are declared
righteous
through our faith in Jesus. Amen.**

• **Gloria Patri** **No. 734**

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,*

*world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Bob

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: Romans 4: 13-25

Volunteer

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it

is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed,^[a] who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.”¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already^[b] as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe^[c] in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Sermon: “Promises, Promises”

Rev Bob

- **Hymn: “Hymn of Promise”**

No. 515

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
PASTORAL PRAYER (INCLUDING PRAYER
CONCERNS)
TIME OF SILENT PRAYER**

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

Prayer Response: Let the Church Say Amen All

*Let the church say amen, Let the church say amen,
Altogether, let the church say amen.*

DELIGHTING IN GIVING Rev. Bob.

Offertory Music:

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Music Team
#500**

- **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**

God of the Cross, in losing our lives, we find them in you. In sharing our resources, we enter more fully into your kingdom. May these small sacrifices we have made be multiplied and used for your glory to enact your Good News. Amen.

- **Closing Hymn: “He Leadeth Me” No. 499**

Benediction

Rev. Bob

CHORAL BENEDICTION “This is the day!”

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

POSTLUDE:

Sonatina in C Major, OP. 20, No. 1 Sandy Nolan

PASTOR - Rev. Robert Nolan

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Margaret McKiernan

MUSIC TEAM - Andrew Foster, Dot Leone,
Dale Magnuson, Kim Kuda

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 by phone, (401) 339-6134 or email, nolan062400@gmail.com
- New office hours have been established for each week, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 AM - 1 PM.
- The Hope Church board will meet on Tuesday, June 13, at 6PM in the Pickett Room. This meeting consists of all members of Property, Finance, Diaconate, and Music members. Please plan to attend.
- The “Get Crafty” group has suspended meeting for the summer. They will reconvene in September.
- And don’t forget your used clothing for the St. Pauly shed!