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Hope Congregational Church, UCC

Order of Worship 06-16-2024, 10:30 AM

4th Sunday after Pentecost (Fathers' Day)

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

***Gathering Music: “O Happy Day” (arr. by
Mario Thurig) Austin & Music Team***

Welcome & Announcements Deacon

- **Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm
92:1-4, 12-15) Rev. Bob**

One: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to
sing praises to your name, O Most High,

All: **To declare your steadfast love in the
morning and your faithfulness by night,**

One: To the music of the lute and the harp, to
the melody of the lyre.

All: **For you, O God, have made me glad by
your work; at the works of your hands I
sing for joy.**

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**All: They are planted in the house of the
Holy One; they flourish in the courts of
our God.**

One: In old age they still produce fruit; they are
always green and full of nectar,

**All: Showing that the Divine One is upright;
God is my rock, and there is no
unrighteousness in the Holy One.**

- ***Opening Hymn: “Morning Has Broken”
No. 35***

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION & RECONCILIATION

***Deacon Robin: As we gather in worship,
let us take this moment to consider our
needs for transformation and
forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect
on our need for grace.***

All: Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Rev. Bob: Scripture tells us that we have been shown the way to reconciliation by the Christ which is within us whenever we turn to God for guidance and strength to transform our lives for a better kingdom here on earth.

All: We know the peace of the Divine grace that is always there in the name of Jesus. Amen.

• **Hymn of Grace**

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.*

A Story Moment

Rev. Bob

PASSING THE PEACE

**Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17 (NRSVUE)
Deacon Robin**

⁶ So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive due recompense for actions done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people, but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

Sermon/Reflection: All for One & One for All
Rev. Bob

- **Hymn: “This is the Day” No. 652**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Bob
Prayer Requests & Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer: (using "debts" and "debtors")
All

Sung 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: "Simple Gifts" (arr. by Austin
Burns) 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.

- **Closing Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" No. 698**

Benediction: **Rev. Bob**

- ***Benediction Response (sung): "God Be with You"***

*God be with you,
God be with you,
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: "I Rise Up" (by Cassandra Monique Batie & Jennifer DeCilvo)

Austin & Music Team

Calendar & Announcements

- Rev. Bob will be
 - at Hope on Tuesday and Thursday.
 - at Riverside on Wednesday.
- Please contact Rev. Bob directly by phone, (401) 339-6134 or email, nolan062400@gmail.com if you would like to visit him during his office hours or at an alternative time.
- The “**Get Crafty**” group is suspending meetings for the Summer. They will start up again in September.
- ***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 - 12:00 PM.

June Birthdays

Chris Jaworski
Andy Benoit

June 1
June 18