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## Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 06-18-2023, 10:30 AM

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

Welcome & Announcements (see back of bulletin)

Deacon

Introit: All Are Welcome (insert)

- Call to Worship

**One:** The Lord is in this Holy Temple, let all the children of God rejoice.

**Many:** We are called as family to hold up holy hands and praise the God of justice and liberation for all! Not some, but for all people regardless of where you are on life’s journey or who you are in the Kindom of God.

**One:** We are here to worship!

**Many:** Hallelujah!

**One:** We are here to lift up Holy hands!

**Many: Hallelujah!**

**One: We are the Kindom of God!**

**All: *Glory Hallelujah. Let us praise the name of the Lord!***

- **Opening Hymn: Come and Join the Celebration! (insert)**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Deacon: Righteous God, we find ourselves as your hands, legs, heart and spirit here in the earth. As your children, as were your disciples, we are called to manifest a Gospel of love, justice, reconciliation and healing in the present world. But our concern for a just and egalitarian world too often dissipates at the point of our discomfort. Forgive us for our humanity and our frailty as we dwell in your presence and seek transformation and new energy for the work of your ministry. Revive us again O Lord.

**All: O Lord Revive...Our love for the Kindom!  
O Lord Revive...Our yearning for justice!  
O Lord Revive...Our desire for reconciliation!**

**O Lord Revive...Our need for healing!  
Amen and Amen!**

**Assurance of God's Grace**

One: Let us pray...

Just as Jesus endowed his disciples, his family, with moments of rest and amazement, it is good for us, kinfolk, to bask in the glorious and loving presence of God. Fortunately, God does not condemn us when we too often choose to linger there rather than enter into difficult, tough, unfamiliar or even mundane places and spaces. But I'm so glad that with grace and compassion, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit lifts, informs and propels us in the direction we should go to heal, deliver and resurrect.

**All: Come Holy Spirit. Lift us!  
Come Holy Spirit. Inform us!  
Come Holy Spirit. Propel us!  
Come Holy Spirit. Shower us with your  
Grace and Mercy!  
Amen and Amen!**

***Calendar & Announcements***

- Rev. Bob will have his regular office hours this week on Tuesday and Thursday. He would also like to visit with everyone in the church office or your home. If you are interested, contact the office on Tuesday through Thursday, 8AM to 1 PM. You can also contact Rev. Bob directly by phone, (401) 339-6134 or email, [nolan062400@gmail.com](mailto:nolan062400@gmail.com)
- The "Get Crafty" group has suspended meeting for the summer. They will reconvene in September.
- We have the following Script gift cards available for purchase:
  - Amazon \$25 (1)
  - Dunkin \$10 (3)
  - Panera \$10 (1)
  - Shaws \$100 (2)
  - Walmart \$100 (2)
  - Walgreens \$100 (1)
  - \$25 (1)
- And don't forget your used clothing for the St. Pauly shed!

**Benediction**

**Rev. Bob**

• **Gloria Patri**

**No. 734**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION “This is the day!”**

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*

*Let us rejoice and be glad!*

*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 5: 1-8**

**Deacon**

**5** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access<sup>[b]</sup> to this grace in which we stand, and we<sup>[c]</sup> boast in our

hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we<sup>[d]</sup> also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**Sermon: “Justify, Justify” Rev Bob**

- **Hymn: God of Mercy, God of Justice (insert)**

#### **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: When Hands Reach Out – 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**

**We give...to meet the needs of the Kindom!  
We give...out of the generosity of our hearts!  
We give...to further justice and peace in our world!  
Generous God may these gifts glorify your spirit  
and meet the needs of your Kindom. In the name of  
Jesus the Christ, we pray.  
Amen and Amen**

- **Closing Hymn: We Are Called (Insert)**