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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**June 26, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT      “As We Gather”      No. 646

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

**All: Commit your way to the Lord, and trust God’s actions.**

One: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

**All: The Lord is our salvation, and a refuge in times of trouble.**

One: Let us come to worship.

**All: Let our alleluia be heard around the world. Amen.**

\*HYMN      “O Jesus, I Have Promised”      No. 458

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways, or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us, we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*\*If you can do so comfortably, please stand.*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**One:** Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we have received grace in good measure – spilling out and running over.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:18-28

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

Jesus answered, "*How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.*"

*"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins."*

One Sabbath, Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as His disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" He answered, "*Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.*"

Then He said to them, "*The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.*"

SERMON “**Great Servant, and a Poor Master**”

\*HYMN “Come and Find the Quiet Center” No. 477

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer (including prayer concerns)

Time of Silent Prayer

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

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

(The offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary.)

Invitation to Present Our Offering

Offertory “Open Our Eyes”

\*Doxology “Give Thanks” No. 359

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others, in the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

No. 344

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**GUEST PASTOR - Jonathan Ryder  
MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda  
DEACON & LAY READER - Robin Smith  
MUSIC TEAM - Dale Magnuson and Kim Kuda**

## NEWS AND NOTES

1. Starting next Sunday, a series will start entitled, **“Maundy July”**. It will be a series of sermons based on the events of the Last Supper and examining how influential that single night is on our faith as Christians.
2. The **“Get Crafty”** group meets every **Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Please bring your own crafts to work on as we enjoy fellowship with one another. Leave your stress at home! Everyone is welcome!
3. Don't forget that **“SCRIP” gift cards** are still available to use instead of cash or credit card at your favorite retailer. Some gift cards are readily available, or you can place an order for others. Please see Rick Bushnell or contact Shirley in the office for more details or to place an order. This is a great way to financially help the church!
4. Don't forget your used clothing for the **St. Pauly shed**.
5. **In light of the contagions with the emerging strains of Covid, we are encouraging people to wear masks, even if vaccinated, during worship.** Everyone will also be expected to sign in on our contact list.

If you are unable to attend the regular worship service of Hope Church in person on any given Sunday, the following is the information needed to livestream the service on YouTube or any time after and to get the Sunday bulletin to follow along with the service. A link to this week's livestream service and bulletin as well as those from past weeks is available at: [hopecongrgri.org/?page\\_id=90](http://hopecongrgri.org/?page_id=90). can click on the "plus" mark for that week.