

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Please take note: There will be no congregational singing during the service. All music will be provided by the Music Director and soloists.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

The Family Room at the rear of the sanctuary is available for anyone experiencing difficulty worshipping in the sanctuary.

INTROIT “All Are Welcome” *Sangho Nam*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

All: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

One: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

All: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

One: Trust, and do not be afraid.

All: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

One: With joy, you will draw water from the wells of peace.

All: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Hallelujah! Amen.

*HYMN “God of Creation, All-Powerful” *Andrew Foster*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.

Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame to pride for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

**If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us, you are forgiven. Your Creator has taken away the judgements against you.

All: Do not worry. Live in Peace. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Sung by soloist

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

SERMON “This is The Way”

*HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” *Andrew Foster*

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

“Give Us Your Peace”

Kim Kuda

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

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

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed the world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Go My Children, With My Blessing”
Sangho Nam, Andrew Foster, Kim Kuda

*BENEDICTION

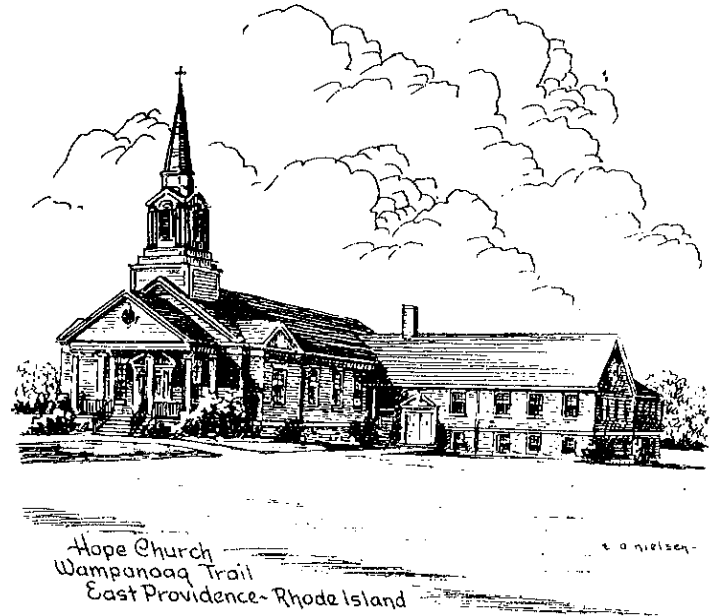
*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Jonathan Ryder
MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda
DEACON & LAY READER - Lori Russell
SOLOISTS - Sangho Nam, Andrew Foster, Kim Kuda

Hope Church is open and ready to welcome any members of the community who are in search of a warm and friendly place to worship. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us in worship. Our current supply pastor is Rev. Jonathan Ryder of Riverside.

Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks during Sunday worship. All others are still required to wear masks except for children under the age of two. Everyone will 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. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Andrew Foster of the Digital Ministry Task Force at afoster@brown.edu or (401) 743-8584. A link to this week's livestream service and bulletin as well as those from past weeks is available at: hopecongr.org/?page_id=90



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