

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

INTROIT “God of Generations” *Sangho Nam*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God’s embrace.

One: Christ is the fountain of Life.

All: In Christ, we behold the Light of God.

One: Let us gather as the People of God.

All: We gather to be strengthened anew. God is with us. Amen.

*HYMN “You’ve Called Us Together”
Andrew Foster, Sangho Nam

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions, and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth’s resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI *Sung by soloist*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:18-27

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.”

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

Then he said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

SERMON “He Means More to Me Than You Will Ever Know”

*HYMN “As We Follow Jesus’ Way” *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 “We Will Follow” *Kim Kuda*

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

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

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

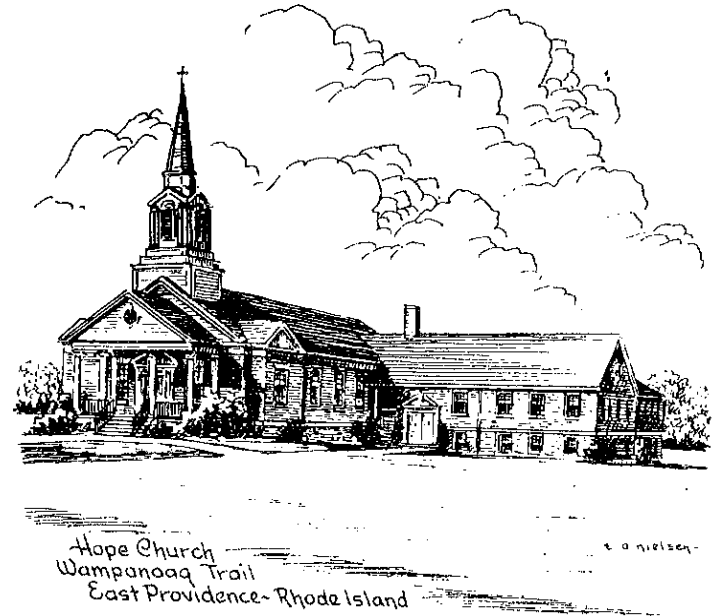
**We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to
your service that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and
manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
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



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News & Notes

1. 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: hopecongri.org/?page_id=90

2. **Next Sunday**, August 1 - *Holy Communion*
3. There will be **NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP on Sunday, August 8** but an online service will be available.