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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

## NEWS AND NOTES

July 31, 2022

10:00 a.m.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT            “God of Love, We Pause and Wonder”            Insert

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have been called by God

**All: In our strength and weakness, in our triumph and tragedy.**

One: We have been gathered by God,

**All: Gathered to form the Church, the visible community of God.**

One: We have been empowered by God,

**All: Empowered to bring the Light and Hope of the Creator into a hurting world. Let us come and worship!**

\*HYMN                            “Why Is It, Lord?”                            Insert

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that in spite of your extravagant welcome, we often refuse. In spite of your call to reconciliation and community, we far too often stick to old pathways of sin and suffering. Help us, Merciful Creator, to welcome your healing grace into our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

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

1. This morning concludes “**Maundy July.**” We hope that you have enjoyed this examination of how this single night in the church calendar has a profound impact on our faith, and that you will take the time to reflect on this holy night throughout the year.
2. The **church office** will be open tomorrow as Shirley returns from vacation.
3. Our supply pastor for the next two Sundays will be **Rev. Korte Yeo.** Please plan to attend as we welcome Rev. Yeo back to Hope Church.
4. 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!
5. 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!
6. Don’t forget your used clothing for the **St. Pauly shed.**
7. **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). You can click on the "plus" mark for that week.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

People of God, hear the Good News! You are loved and welcomed by your Creator. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Live in the eternal light of that love. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

No. 734

**SCRIPTURE READING**          Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

**SERMON**

**“Gethsemane Awaits”**

**\*HYMN**

“When the King Shall Come Again”

No. 534

**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 Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology “Give Thanks” No. 359

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Merciful God, all that we have comes from you. And so we  
return a portion of these gifts so that your reign of love and  
light may be made manifest in this broken world. In Christ’s  
name we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners” No. 90

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Jonathan Ryder

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Lori Russell

MUSIC TEAM - Andrew Foster, Dale Magnuson,  
Sangho Nam, Kim Kuda