

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**August 8, 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 “In Church, We Learn of Service” *Sangho Nam*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**All: God calls us to be builders as well.**

One: God calls us to build our lives:

**All: to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

One: God calls us to build our faith:

**All: to study the Word and ponder its interpretations.**

One: God calls us to build our community:

**All: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**All: to preach the good news of God’s love and liberation to all people.**

\*HYMN “Amazing Grace”  
*Sangho Nam, Andrew Foster*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

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

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God’s Word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.

**All: God’s Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God’s own jubilee. Amen.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Sung by soloist*

### SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

### SERMON “Help Wanted: You”

\*HYMN “Nearer My God to Thee” *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

“Sprit of God”

*Kim Kuda*

## DELIGHTING IN GIVING

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

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**God of life and new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“By Your Grace”

*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.

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](mailto:afoster@brown.edu) or (401) 743-8584. The link to our services and bulletin is available at: [hopecongri.org/?page\\_id=90](http://hopecongri.org/?page_id=90)



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