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Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 08-25-2024, 10:30 AM

14th Sunday after Pentecost

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!”

- *Where you see this, please stand.*

Gathering Music: “Heaven is My Home”

**Austin & Music Team
(by Randy Newman)**

Welcome & Announcements (see back of bulletin)

Deacon Lori

- **Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 84)**

One: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Many: **We long to be in your beautiful assembly. Our hearts sing for joy!**

One: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Many: **You keep the sparrow and the spring.
You sustain the splendor of creation.**

One: O Holy one of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

All: In you, we go from strength to strength. You hear our prayers, bestow blessings and honor, and withhold no good thing. Praise our God!

- **Opening Hymn: “In the Garden” No. 300**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION &
RECONCILIATION Deacon Lori**

One: Lovely God, you abide with us. We acknowledge your presence among us with peace, trust, and thanksgiving. It is good to be with you. It is good to be with one another.

All: Fill us with your Spirit and revel in our worship. May this time give you honor and fortify us as your people, your ambassadors, and your agents of love and hope in the world.

One: Let us pray...

Beloved, even when God seems silent, God is still speaking, listening, and moving in our lives. Know that every moment of attention we center upon the Holy One is faithful stewardship of our time.

All: God, the Redeemer, will honor our seeking, trusting, and listening with blessing, hope, and grace.

- **Gloria Patri**

No. 734

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the **Spirit, One**;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

TIME FOR ALL AGES / Story Moment **Rev. Bob**

PASSING THE PEACE

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 6: 10 - 20 (The Message)
Deacon Lori

¹⁰⁻¹² And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So, take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no weekend war that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

¹³⁻¹⁸ Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting, you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an *indispensable* weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

¹⁹⁻²⁰ And don't forget to pray for me. Pray that I'll know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, telling the mystery to one and all, the Message that I, jailbird preacher that I am, am responsible for getting out.

Sermon: Putting on the Armor of God

Rev. Bob

- **Hymn: “Onward Christian Soldiers”
No. 509**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**PASTORAL PRAYER (INCLUDING PRAYER
CONCERNS)** Rev. Bob

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Lord’s Prayer: (using “debts” and “debtors”)

All

Prayer Response: Let the Church Say Amen All
*Let the church say amen, Let the church say amen,
Altogether, let the church say amen.*

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY Rev. Bob

**Offertory Music: “Will the Circle Be Unbroken /
I’ll Fly Away”**

**(by Ada B. Habershon, Charles h. Gabriel, &
Albert E. Brimley, arr. by Austin Burns)
Austin & Music Team**

- **Doxology: “Give Thanks”** No. 359

• PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All

Strong and Giving God, receive our gifts of time, talent, and financial resources for the building of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. May we give with a spirit of courage, trust, and empathy. May our faithful stewardship receive confirmation through changed lives and renewed communities for your glory. Amen.

- Closing Hymn: “We Are Marching” Insert
(South African traditional melody)

Benediction

Rev. Bob

Benediction Response (sung): “God Be with You” (from Chalice Hymnal)

*God be with you,
God be with you,
God be with you ‘till we meet again.
O---God be with you,
God be with you,
God be with you ‘till we meet again.*

Closing Music: “Hope is Far From Heaven”

Austin & Music Team
(by Los Lonely Boys)

Calendar & Announcements

- Rev. Bob will be
 - at Riverside on Wednesday
- Please contact Rev. Bob directly by phone, (401) 339-6134 or email, nolan062400@gmail.com if you would like to visit him during his office hours or at an alternative time.
- There will be a meeting of the congregation following worship on August 25th. There will be a discussion about the upcoming search process as well as a Property and Finance meeting.
- A church council meeting was held via email, in which it was voted that Pastor Bob's last day will be Sunday, Sep 8.
- The “Get Crafty” group is suspending meetings for the Summer. They will start up again in September.
- **Cobweb Community thrift shop @ Riverside Church Cobweb Shop** Wednesday-Thursdays 9-12 & Second Saturdays of the month 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.
- **Lighthouse Community food rescue mission @ Riverside Church** Wednesdays - Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.