

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 "We Are Called"

*Doxology "Give Thanks" No. 359

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and for our neighbors. May these gifts help bring to fulfillment your reign of peace and love, through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (verses 1-3) No. 730

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION - We invite you to sing with us:

*Now may the God of love fill you with joy and peace in believing.
May you abound in all joy, may you abound in all hope.
By the power of the spirit, the spirit of God,
The spirit of God be with you.*

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (verse 1) No. 87

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our hope is in God all our lives.

All: God is a rock of refuge, a fortress against threat and shame.

One: God has held us since birth,

All: So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

One: In love, God saves us and supports us.

All: Trusting in God, we continuously offer our praise.

*HYMN “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” No. 581

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has loved us since the beginning, and God’s love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God’s steadfast love. Your sins are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 734

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

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 or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Humans 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 “Christ, You Call Us All to Service” No. 571

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

1. There will be **NO Worship Service next Sunday, September 4.**
2. The **3 M's** will have their monthly **Luncheon Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th** at 12 :00 noon at Twin Oaks Restaurant in Cranston. All are welcome! Please let Sarah Tonole know if you plan to attend.
3. 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!
4. 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!
5. Don't forget your used clothing for the **St. Pauly shed.**
6. **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: hopecongre.org/?page_id=90. You can click on the "plus" mark for that week.