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Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 09-15-2024, 10:30 AM

17th 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: “There’s Something About that Name” Austin & Music Team

Welcome & Announcements (see back of bulletin) Deacon Margaret

- **Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)**

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Many: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring, forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Many: Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

All: Come, let us worship the LORD!

- **Opening Hymn: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** **No. 96**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name, Amen.

- **Gloria Patri** **No. 734**
*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,*

*and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Tom

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Scripture: Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."^[a] ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come^[b] after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,^[c] will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words^[d] in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Sermon: No Kodak Moment

Rev. Tom

- **Hymn: Take My Life and Let it Be No. 466**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER (INCLUDING PRAYER CONCERNS)

Rev. Tom

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

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. Tom

Offertory Music: “What Wonderful Love is This” No. 257 Austin & Music Team

- **Doxology: “Give Thanks” No. 359**

- **PRAYER OF DEDICATION All**

O God, use our offerings of money, time, and talents to enliven your church, to enchanted a world prone to discouragement, to enable a spreading of the love of Christ. May all our gifts and our giving be acceptable in your sight. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

- **Closing Hymn: “There’s Within my Heart a Melody” Insert**

Benediction

Rev. Tom

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.*

**Postlude: “Thy Word” Austin & Music Team
(by Amy Grant)**

Calendar & Announcements

- If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Cora Rose at 401-431-4002
- The 3Ms will have their monthly meeting on September 17th at Twin Oaks. Please call Sarah Tonole at 401-392-1978 if you would like to attend. All are welcome.
- The “Get Crafty” group meets on Thursday nights at 6:30 in the Picket Room. All are welcome.
- ***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.