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Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 09-29-2024, 10:30 AM

19th 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: “The Impossible Dream”
Austin & Music Team**

Welcome & Announcements (see back of bulletin) Deacon Margaret

- **Call to Worship Deacon Margaret**

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

Many: then they would have swallowed us up alive, then the flood would have swept us away.

One: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

Many: Our help is the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

- **Opening Hymn: “We Are Called to be
God’s People”** **No. 580**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Father, you have given all peoples one common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself.

Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all.

We confess that we often put our trust in the power of man-made things, unmindful of Your mighty power and that Jesus is “king of Kings.” We confess that we have turned our eyes away from You to go our selfish ways. Money, power and pleasure are the gods we serve today. Through greed and fear and hatred, we are seeking to destroy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: Oh Father up in heaven, stir and wake our sleeping souls. May there be an end to division, strife and war. May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. By sharing the good things you give us, help us to secure an

equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. 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 9:38-50 (NRSV)

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name,^[i] and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

42 “If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me^[j] to sin,^[k] it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to sin,^[l] cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell,^[m] to the unquenchable fire.^[n] 45 And if your foot causes you to sin,^[o] cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.^{[p][q]} 47 And if your eye causes you to sin,^[r] tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,^[s] 48 where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched.

49 “For everyone will be salted with fire.^[t] 50 Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?^[u] Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Sermon: “Cut It Out”

Rev. Tom

- **Hymn: “I’m Going to Sing when the Spirit Says Sing”**
Insert

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: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
Austin & Music Team**

- **Doxology: “Give Thanks” No. 359**
- **PRAYER OF DEDICATION All**

Gracious God, with thanks we offer the gifts of your hands and the fruits of our labors. Accept them as expressions of our response to the life and love you have given us. Bless these gifts, these givers and those who cannot give, in the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

- **Closing Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” No. 507**

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: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Austin & Music Team

Calendar & Announcements

- Please join us in the Pickett Room for coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship.
- Beginning on October 13th, we will be moving our worship back to 10:00 a.m.
- If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Cora Rose at 401-829-0970.
- The “Get Crafty” group meets on Thursday nights at 6:30 in the Picket Room. All are welcome.
- The 3m’s will hold their monthly meeting at Twin Oaks on October 8th at 12:30. Please call Sarah

Tonole at 401-392-1978 if you would like to attend. All are welcome.

- Save the Date: We will be having our annual Mini-Bazaar on Saturday, November 2nd. We would love donations of baked goods for the baked good table. Anyone willing to help with set-up, working the bazaar and putting everything away after would be appreciated. Please let us know where you would like to help.
- ***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.

Jazz Concert and Album Premiere



Sunday October 6
2pm

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