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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion*

October 2, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT

“By Grace We Are Blest”

Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Increase our faith!

All: Let our worship uncover clearer understandings of you.

One: Increase our trust!

All: Let our worship unearth stronger connections to you.

One: Increase our hope!

All: Let our worship unleash fresher possibilities from you.

*HYMN

“Gather Us In”

No. 649

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We don't always get what you mean, Storytelling Jesus. We want to be better followers, so we exclaim, “Increase our faith!” Your response exposes our flawed approach, well-intentioned though it may be. Forgive us for transacting our faith for your favor.

God's abundance is illogical and immeasurable. Though we may not understand it, we are yet worthy of basking in the undeserved goodness of God. Praise be! Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy One, we wish to know you as Jesus knew You, the real you, and not the comfortable (or uncomfortable) versions of you we have created ourselves. We ask this for so many reasons, only one of which is that we may know your true forgiveness and not the tiny fraction of forgiveness we believe we deserve, but the fullness of Love and compassion you desire to share with us. Amen.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

1. **BIG NEWS!! Save the date! Hope Church will be having a Mini-Bazaar on Saturday, November 5.** A “Hope Happenings” newsletter will be mailed out the end of next week with all the information on the Mini-Bazaar as well as any other news and updates. If you have any information for the newsletter, please get it to Shirley by Monday morning.
2. The **3 M's** will have their monthly **Luncheon Meeting on Tuesday, October 11th** 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.

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

We thank you for these gifts of money, time, and selves that we cheerfully give to you, Multiplying God. Expand and bless every single one in service to you and the work you've called us to do. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

UCC Statement of Faith

Back of hymnal

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (non-alcoholic)

Hymn "We Walk by Faith"

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Holy One, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "When Our Confidence Is Shaken" No. 413

*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.

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Korte Yeo

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Robin Smith

MUSIC TEAM - Andrew Foster, Dale Magnuson,
Sangho Nam, Kim Kuda

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

SERMON **“Deconstruct Ideas, Build Faith”**

*HYMN “God, You Hear Our Weary Praying” Insert

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 “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 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

*Doxology “Give Thanks”