

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

World Communion Sunday

October 3, 2021

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We joyfully invite the congregation to join in singing the Opening Hymn, the Gloria Patri, the Prayer Response, the Doxology, and the Closing Hymn. The words or the music are in the bulletin. The soloists will provide the remaining music.

INTROIT

“Remember Me”
Dale Magnuson and Sangho Nam

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all of you, into the presence of the Lord.

All: The Word of God speaks peace to those who are worthy, and to those who think they are not.

One: Come, hear the Word of the Lord.

All: God opens to everyone wisdom and life, a gospel not proclaimed from human origin, but from the heart of Christ, our healer and redeemer.

One: Come, gather as the Children of the Lord.

All: Children who are gathered together in communion with our Creator and with each other. Let us gather to worship together.

*HYMN

“You Call Us Lord to Worship”

Insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, our fault is always before you, and our lack of faith is apparent. We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not done what we intend to do, and we have not loved you. We have squandered time and purpose.

Give us new life, renew our direction, heal our broken intentions. Forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord our God keeps covenant with all who cry out for mercy. Through Christ Jesus and in communion with the whole church I now say to you what God has proclaimed. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SERMON

“The Extra Bed”

*HYMN “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” *Andrew Foster*

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

*Doxology “Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, I am strong; let the poor say, I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.**

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**O Lord, you are great and greatly to be praised. Receive these gifts
of gratitude and joy and use them in the service of the Gospel. For
the Glory of your holy name we pray, Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

UCC Statement of Faith

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (non-alcoholic)

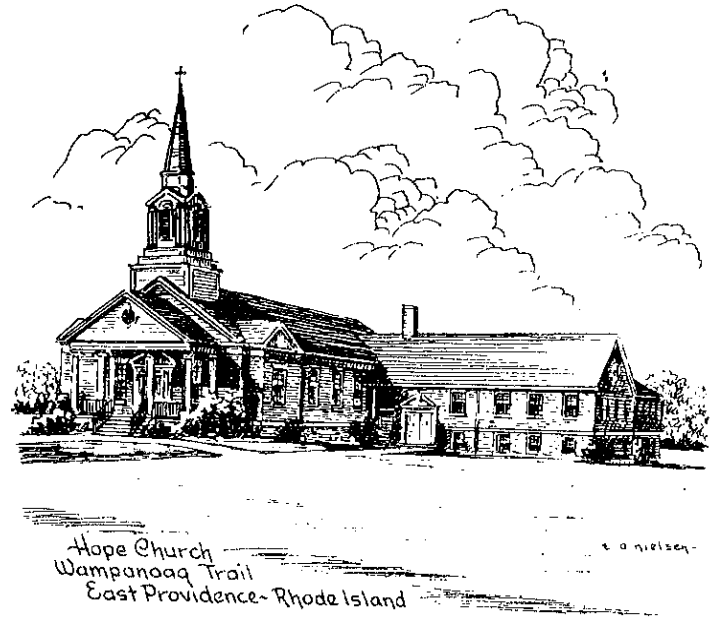
Hymn “We Thank You, O Lord”

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Insert

Kim Kuda

**We thank you for nourishing us at this, your table. We thank you
for the cloud of witnesses with whom we have gathered, and with whom
we continue to gather. We thank you for the grace you have shown,
and for the healing mercy you have given. We thank you that in these
simple elements, you have shown us the path to deeper fellowship with
you and with each other. May we never take this holy moment for
granted. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**



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*CLOSING HYMN “We Come to This Table” Insert

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Jonathan Ryder
MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda
DEACON & LAY READER - Ashley Fox
SOLOISTS - Dale Magnuson, Andrew Foster,
Sangho Nam, Kim Kuda

NEWS AND NOTES

1. Hope Church is open and ready to welcome any members of the community who are in search of a warm and friendly place to worship. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us in worship.

Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks during Sunday worship. All others are still required to wear masks except for children under the age of two. Everyone will 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. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Andrew Foster of the Digital Ministry Task Force at afoster@brown.edu or (401) 743-8584. The link to our services and bulletin is available at: hopecongre.org/?page_id=90

2. **The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30 pm.** Watch for further details via email..
3. **“Get Crafty”** has started meeting on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm** at the church building. Come and join the fun working on crafts.
4. **3M’s** will meet on **Tuesday, October 19th** at 1 pm at the church building. Please contact Sarah Tonole to let her know you will be attending - (401) 392-1978. Everyone is welcome!