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Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 10-06-2024, 10:30 AM

World Communion Sunday/20th 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: “Oh Love That Will Not Let Me
Go”** Austin & Music Team

**Welcome & Announcements (see back of
bulletin)** Deacon Robin

- **Call to Worship** Deacon Robin

One: Holy and Majestic God, though we may feel
as insignificant as insects in your gentle
presence, we know your care for even the
weariness in our bones.

Many: Guide us we pray.

One: We look too far for your awe-inspiring power
and miss the subtlety of your love.

Many: Guide us we pray.

One: May our spirits soar on the wings of your sustaining and redeeming Holy Spirit as we worship you with our whole hearts this hour. We thank you for your grace through Christ we pray.

Many: Guide us we pray.

**Opening Hymn: “Love Devine, All Loves
Excelling”**

No. 358

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Isaiah)

One: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:

All: Lord, Forgive us.

One: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wickedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness.

All: Lord, Forgive us.

One: We confess that we have rebelled against your love; we have turned away from you and followed the ways of the world. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, we have not heard the cry of the needy, and we have not devoted ourselves to you in trust and true faith.

All: Lord, Forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

All: Forgive us, we pray, and restore us into perfect union with your will and purposes.

- **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 10:2-16 (NRSV)

² Some,^[a] testing him, asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵ But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment

for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,^[b] ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sermon: “The Sacraments”

Rev. Tom

- **Hymn: “They will Know we are Christians”
No. 595**

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: "Shower The People"

Austin & Music Team

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

Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer our gifts to you. Amen.

The Communion Prayer / Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the

promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, to this table for all are welcome to participate in this sacred meal.

People: We are ready!

UCC Statement of Faith (inside cover of hymnal)

All

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

People: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said..

People: "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have us to: to find the lost and the lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior, Amen.

- Closing Hymn: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” No. 461

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: “Lead Me, Guide Me”

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.
- The Deacons will have their meeting via zoom on October 9th.
- 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.

