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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “Come and Find the Quiet Center” (verse 1) No. 477

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, beloved of God, and pause in the place of liminal longing.

All: We come betwixt and between, pulled in many directions.

One: Trust that the Holy One is already forming a new creation in you.

All: We come trusting God’s mercy to center and change us.

One: Indeed, the Holy One calls you by name for deeds of mercy.

All: May God’s ancient action be a present presence as we gather.

*HYMN “O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come” No. 638

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, form in me a space for healing and enter in anew. For too long I have clutched the past in ways that have prevented the possibility of moving forward. Boundaries of my own making have kept me resistant to your healing mercy. Definitions of the world’s making have created divisions preventing the possibility of a new day, a new season, a new life. By Your mercy form me for a life of mercy and thanks. Lift every burden and release me from every long-rehearsed story holding me hostage to any narrative of hopelessness, hurt and fear. Grant instead a lightness of spirit forgiving me and freeing me to leap into a dance of delight beyond my wildest imagination. Amen.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

1. The **office will be closed this week** as Shirley will be away.
2. There will be **NO WORSHIP SERVICE at Hope Church next Sunday, October 16.** Hope Church members and friends are invited to worship with Riverside Congregational Church that morning. Their worship service starts at 10 a.m. and all are welcome!
3. **BIG NEWS!! Save the date! Hope Church will be having a Mini-Bazaar on Saturday, November 5.** Please see “Hope Happenings” that you will be receiving soon in the mail for further information.
4. 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.
5. 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!
6. 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!
7. Don’t forget your used clothing for the **St. Pauly shed.**
8. **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: hopecongr.org/?page_id=90. You can click on the "plus" mark for that week.

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 “Christ, We Thank You for Your Welcome”

*Doxology “Give Thanks” No. 359

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Holy One, in Jesus Christ you have shown what your heart is like - merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Form that same spirit in us that our lives may become continual prayers of thanksgiving. Let no cry of your creation go unheard. Form us as agents of practical praise, molding us with mercy for a world crying out for healing. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Christ, You Are the Savior” Insert

*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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news! Into our little openings of trust, God is pouring a large love born of mercy. No burden of your past is stronger than this power of Love to forgive, heal, and bless. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Now may our lives become songs of thanksgiving and praise that others too may discover the amazing power of God to make all things new.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 734

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

SERMON

“Are We There Yet?”

***HYMN**

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

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.