

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 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 "Come With Rejoicing" *Dale Magnuson*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

All: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

One: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for our God.

**All: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.
Let us gather in worship and adoration.**

*HYMN "God's Loving Kingdom" Insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, whose ways are good and true, we confess that we have not lived as Christ has called us to live. We have shut our eyes to the evils our world allows. We have sealed our ears from the cries of the suffering, whose pain we abide. We have clung to the hostility we harbor against one another, and hardened our hearts to the creative power of love.

Forgive us, and help us to once again discover your grace and glory. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: According to the Lord's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

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 Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

SERMON

“Facing Your Scars”

*HYMN

“It is Well with My Soul”

Sangho Nam, Dale Magnuson, 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 God, receive these gifts we offer as signs of the dedication of our lives. We bring nothing of our own, for all that we have is yours.

We give, not for the sake of earthly reward, but for the secret reward only you may grant: the joy of your righteousness.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Since the Lord is My Salvation”

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*BENEDICTION

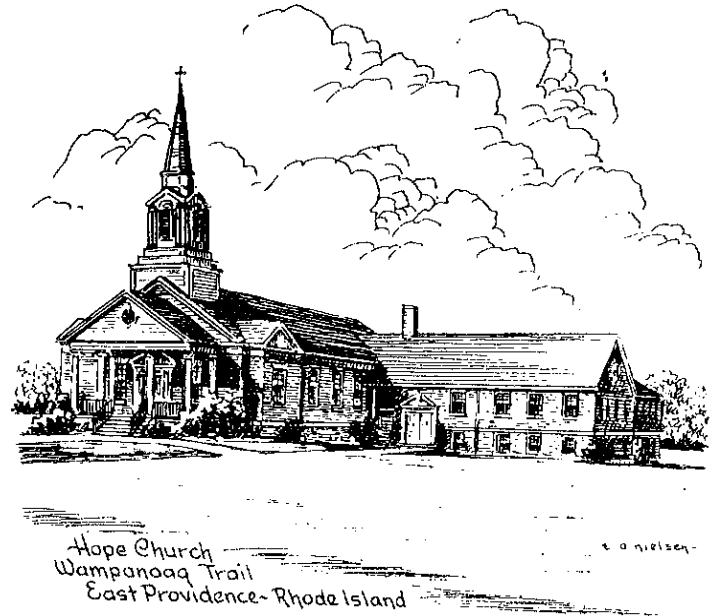
*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Jonathan Ryder

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Ashley Fox

SOLOISTS - Dale Magnuson, Andrew Foster, Sangho Nam



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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: hopecongri.org/?page_id=90

2. **“Get Crafty”** has started meeting on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm** at the church building. Come and join the fun working on crafts.
3. **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!