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# Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 10-13-2024, 10:00 AM

21st 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: “The Well”      Austin & Music Team**

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

- **Call to Worship      Deacon Robin**

One: We come this morning to worship together.

**Many: Different people, different lives, different histories.**

One: Yet we are children of the same Parent, created lovingly by the same Source of life.

**Many: Different people, different lives, different histories.**

One: Yet we have one teacher, Jesus Christ who is the living word that God spoke.

**Many: Different people, different lives, different histories.**

One: Yet we have one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**Many: Let us open ourselves to the word and acceptance of God.**

One: Let us Worship God together!

**Opening Hymn: “I Surrender All”**

**No. 474**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we come to you in the name of Jesus, your Son and our High Priest. We confess that there are times when we go against your hope for us as your people. We confess that there are times when we go against your Word for us. In silence, O LORD, hear us as we confess those things we have done, and those things we have neglected to do; times when we have failed you and each other . . .  
(time of silence)

Loving God, we ask you once again to receive us into your compassionate, forgiving arms that we might find favor with you for all the days of our lives, now and forevermore. Amen.

# ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

One: God loves us and forgives us. God gives us the chance to begin again.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

- **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 10:17-21 (NRSV)**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall

not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

**Sermon: “The M Word”**

**Rev. Tom**

- **Hymn: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

**No. 344**

**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: “You Servants of God”**

**Austin & Music Team**

- **Doxology: “Give Thanks”**

**No. 359**

• PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All

O God, use our offerings of money, time and talents to enliven your church, to enhearten a world prone to discouragement, to enable a spreading of the love of Christ. May all our gifts and our giving be acceptable in your sight. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

- Closing Hymn: “He Leadeth Me” No. 499

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: “I Will Follow Him”**

**Austin & Music Team**

## **Calendar & Announcements**

- Please join us in the Pickett Room for coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship.
- 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.
- Save the Date: We will be having our annual Mini-Bazaar on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.