

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*

**October 24, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT

“This Alone”  
*Kim Kuda and Andrew Foster*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The psalmist sings: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

**All: To live in the House of the Lord all the days of my life;**

One: To behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in God’s temple.

**All: Sisters and brothers, God is good, and love and mercy greet us here.**

\*HYMN “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” No. 581

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy.**

**Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.**

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ, we are forgiven, and offered the gift of healing repentance.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:30-41

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone<sup>[a]</sup> casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

SERMON

“Last and Servant of All”

\*HYMN “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” No. 459

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" No. 359

\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

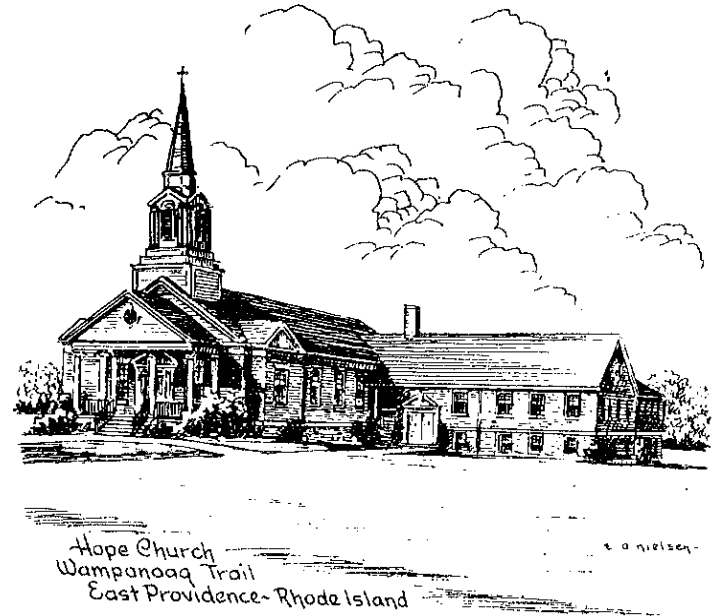
**O God, we have beheld your goodness in us. Accept the offering of the work of our hands, and use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 712

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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



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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](mailto:afoster@brown.edu) or (401) 743-8584. A link to this week's livestream service and bulletin as well as those from past weeks is available at: [hopecongregi.org/?page\\_id=90](http://hopecongregi.org/?page_id=90). You can click on the "plus" mark for any date to access the youtube address, the bulletin or the sermon title for that week.

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