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Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 10-27-2024, 10:00 AM

23rd 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: “Amazing Grace”

Austin & Music Team

Welcome & Announcements (see back of bulletin)

Deacon Robin

- **Call to Worship (based on Psalm 34)**
Deacon Robin

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Many: Let us exalt God’s name together.

One: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Many: God’s praise shall always be in my mouth.

One: Look to the Lord, and be radiant;

Many: For God’s light shines brightly in the darkness.

One: O magnify the Lord with me.

All: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God”

No. 14

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Creator God, you have given us the power of imagination, through which the future grasps our lives today. We confess that we do not give our lives over to the transforming power of your spirit. We choose not to hear you calling to us. We deny the gifts you grant us. We fail to live in ways that build up the life of your whole creation.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: Forgive us and give us courage, that we may open ourselves to the new creation you seek to bring within and among us. Draw us into the future toward the new world you are creating through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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 10:46-52 (NRSV)

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher,^[a] let me see again.' ⁵² Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon: “Blind Faith”

Rev. Tom

- **Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**
No. 48

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: “More Precious Than Silver”

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

**Almighty God, accept all we offer you this day
and give us generous hearts to serve you in all
who claim our help. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- **Closing Hymn: “There’s a Wideness in
God’s Mercy”** **No. 61**

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: “O God Beyond All Praising”

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 will not be meeting again until November 7th at 6:30 in the Pickett Room.. All are welcome.
- 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 on Friday (during the day), working the bazaar and putting everything away after would be appreciated. Please let us know where you would like to help.

- Chris will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday next week. This is so she will be here on Friday (November 1st) to help with setting up for the Bazaar.
- The 3M's next meeting will be on November 19th at Twin Oaks. Please contact Sarah Tonole at 401-392-1978 if you would like to attend. All are welcome.
- ***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.