

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “All Are Welcome”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

All: Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

One: This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

All: Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One? And who shall stand in this holy place?

All: We come, seeking the face of God.

*HYMN “Faith of Our Fathers”

No. 530

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face. We hold on to ancient angers and hurts, and refuse to believe that you alone can make all things new. Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promises of eternal life. Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we have not believed that we would see your glory.

Forgive our unbelief, O God. Bring us back, and restore our trust in you. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Holy One shows us a vision of a new heaven and a new earth, where everyone will live in peace and blessing. Trusting in God’s promise to wipe away all our tears, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

SCRIPTURE READING John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

SERMON “Oh Lazarus, We Hardly Knew You!”

*HYMN “O God, Whose Loving Has No End”

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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)

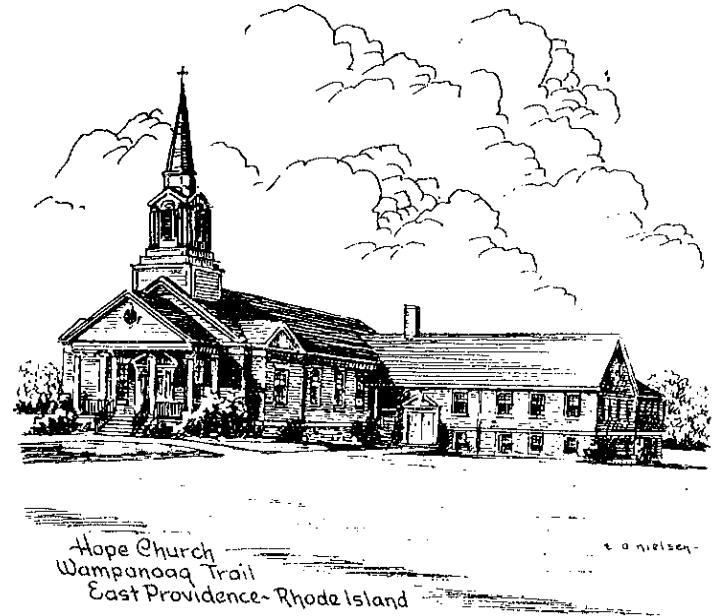
O God, from your abundant stores you have showered blessings upon us. To you we return a portion of those blessings as a sign and symbol of our covenant with you. Accept these gifts, and use them to continue the work of your church in this world. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" No. 719

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Jonathan Ryder
MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda
DEACON & LAY READER - Ashley Fox
MUSICIANS - Sangho Nam, Wil Snodgrass



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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. A link to this week's livestream service and bulletin as well as those from past weeks is available at: hopecongri.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. Now that we are an in-person worship service congregation, Hope Church is in **need of your help and commitment** to serve on any one of the following committees in 2022:

- Diaconate
- Music Committee
- Flower Committee
- Ushers & Greeters
- Christian Education
- Christian Growth & Evangelism
- Christian Fellowship
- Council Member-at-large (1)

Please contact one of the following Deacons with your decision:
Cora Rose, Co-Chair @ (401) 829-0970
Lori Russell, Co-Chair @ (401) 241-7914

3. **“Get Crafty”** is meeting on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm** at the church building. Come and join the fun and fellowship while working on crafts.