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Hope Congregational UCC

Order of Worship 09-22-2024, 10:30 AM

18th 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: “Refiner’s Fire”

Austin & Music Team

Welcome & Announcements (see back of bulletin)

Deacon Cora

- **Call to Worship**

Deacon Cora

One: As we draw near to God.

Many: God will draw near to us.

One: Let us approach God with child-like faith.

Many: For God loves those who humble themselves.

One: God’s arm reaches out to those who are weak.

Many: God’s help is near to those who are troubled.

All: Let us worship God!

- Opening Hymn: “So I Send You” No. 578

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbors.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: We pray, Lord, to forgive our lack of faith and to pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powered word; though Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 9:30-37 (NRSV)

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, ³¹ 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." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Sermon: Servant of All

Rev. Tom

- **Hymn: “When the Poor Ones” No. 624**

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: “Sister Let Me Be Your
Servant”**

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

God of the earth, wind, rain and fire, as we are given these gifts and the gift of Jesus Christ our savior, we return a portion of our gifts this morning asking you to bless these gifts, these givers and those who cannot give. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

- **Closing Hymn: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”** **No. 344**

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: “Blest Be The Tie that Bind”

Austin & Music Team

Calendar & Announcements

- The church is considering changing our worship time back to 10:00 a.m. If you wish the service to remain at 10:30, please speak with one of the Deacons. We would like to make this change beginning in October.
- 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.
- **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.

