

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30th, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

§ Invites you to rise in body or spirit with the people of God.

PRELUDE

Lucem tuam

JOHN REDFORD

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

ONE I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

ALL **with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

ONE I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

ALL **your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

ONE You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:
'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

ALL **Praise the Lord!**
-from Psalm 89:1-4, NRSV

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

HYMN 28

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses
and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life.

You offer us your Holy Spirit
so that we can be born to new life as your children.

Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death
have a strong attraction

and that we often succumb to their lure.

Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,
that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

As fallen people, we must be called from our worship of the created and focus on the proper worship of the Creator.

As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

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.

-WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS -

We bring our concerns, joys, and burdens to the Lord in prayer and give out of love and awe.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

OFFERTORY/

CHORAL ANTHEM

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, DWELL WITH ME

ARR. BY K. LEE SCOTT

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,
I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see,
I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal,
thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek,
for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,
I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see,
I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear,
thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly,
speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me,
I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly,
make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would
and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be
give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,
I would mighty be;
help me now thy pow'r to see,
I would be like thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield,
be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapon be,
Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,
I would be like thee!

§ **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here
below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

§ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

– **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD** –

"CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED, AND IN THAT I REJOICE"

PHILIPPIANS 1:18

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-22

LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM 56A

BE MERCIFUL TO ME, O GOD

MUSIC ON PAGE 6

Be merciful to me, O God,
for man has hounded me;
He fights against me all day long,
to crush me utterly.
My foes pursue me all day long,
in pride wage war on me.

When fearful, I will trust in God,
Whose word I do revere.
In God I've always put my trust,
no terror will come near.
What can a mortal do to me
that I could ever fear?

Throughout each day they twist my words;
their thoughts toward me are hate.
They meet, they lurk, they mark my steps;
to take my life, they wait.
Can wicked nations flee your wrath?
O God, humiliate!

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

– WE GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM –

“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!”

ROMANS 10:15

§ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth;
 and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord.
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 He descended into hell;
 the third day He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ CLOSING HYMN

HOW GREAT THOU ART!

HYMN 27

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

(Chorus)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 “How great Thou art, how great Thou art!”
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 “How great Thou art, how great Thou art!”

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
 sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
 and there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!”

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

A benediction
is literally a
“good word”
or a blessing to
carry with us
as we leave our
time of wor-
ship.

§ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

IAM LUCIS ORTO SIDERE

THOMAS TALLIS

-SERMON NOTES -

- QUESTIONS TO PONDER -

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME?

WHERE DID I SEE JESUS IN THIS SERMON?

WHAT QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS DO I HAVE?

Be Merciful to Me, O God

*Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted. —2 Timothy 3:12*

56A

Psalm 56:1-7

1. ¹ Be mer - ci - ful to me, O God, For
2. ³ When fear - ful, I will trust in God Whose
3. ⁵ Through - out each day they twist my words; Their

man has hound - ed me; He fights a - gainst me
word I do re - vere. ⁴ In God I've al - ways
thoughts toward me are hate. ⁶ They meet, they lurk, they

all day long, To crush me ut - ter - ly. ² My
put my trust, No ter - ror will come near. What
mark my steps; To take my life, they wait. ⁷ Can

foes pur - sue me all day long, In pride wage war on me.
can a mor - tal do to me That I could ev - er fear?
wick - ed na - tions flee Your wrath? O God, hu - mil - i - ate!

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Wednesday Night: The **Meal** is at 6:00, **Bible Study** is at 6:30, and **Choir** is at 7:00. Sign-up sheets for meal-teams and clean-up are available in Fellowship Hall.

Parents of children, nursery through high school, are invited to dinner on Sunday, April 30th, at the Hopewell Manse from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. During our time together we'll get to know one another better and learn more about the children's ministry classes and a Wednesday evening confirmation class being offered this fall. No need to bring anything for dinner, but your favorite beverage to share. Child care is available for children ages 2-12 years at the church from 4:45- 7:30 PM. The kiddos will enjoy pizza and a movie. A link to sign-up will be emailed out soon.

Deacon's Meeting - Sunday, May 7th, 9:00 a.m.

- PRAYER REQUESTS -

- Alberta Satter
- Becky Wertz
- Christie Smith - lymphoma and histoplasmosis
- Clarellen Kelsay - in-home rehab
- Danny Nickelson - pancreatic cancer
- Dixie Retoff
- Don Jolley - upcoming back surgery
- Eric Pasborg - needs a heart transplant
- Jami Howland - recovery from back surgery
- Jean Williams
- Joann Spencer - recovery from surgery
- Lester Burton
- Letty Cherian - pancreatic cancer
- Linda Mink's mother and sister - both in rehab centers
- Martha Myers - pancreatic cancer
- Maxie Gardner
- Grandma Pansy
- Rick Moss (comfort care for cancer)
- Sally Henderson (cancer)
- Scott Vandenberg - praise for good recovery from transplant
- Zack Firks - urgent need for kidney
- Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer - Czech Republic
- People trapped in Sudan

Sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Delores Weaver.

May Birthdays: George Dow and Bill Liverett - 1st; Logan Howland - 3rd; Michelle Plummer and Don St. Clair - 4th; Libby Findley - 5th; Bill Leser - 6th; Leah Shilts - 7th; Alex Grissom - 9th; Ron Kelsay - 17th; Nora Davidson and Rob Shilts - 18th; Jennifer Doty - 19th; Marian Weaver - 20th; Alex Graham - 23rd; Andrew Smith - 24th; Jetta Bea Allender - 25th; Christopher Schermerhorn - 26th; Larkin Sempstrott, Spencer Everett, and Steve Yount - 27th; and Raeann Moore - 28th

Attendance April 23rd - 114

DISCIPLESHIP READING -

Encountering God in your daily life is the best way to grow your relationship with our Redeemer. This reading plan from Table Talk magazine leads us through all the main genres of the Bible each week. Join us as we read through the majority of the Bible in a year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	SUNDAY	I Timothy 4-6	Epistles
<input type="checkbox"/>	MONDAY	Numbers 5-8	The Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	TUESDAY	I Chronicles 10-14	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEDNESDAY	Psalms 99-101	Psalms
<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY	Proverbs 19	Poetry
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY	Hosea 1-7	Prophecy
<input type="checkbox"/>	SATURDAY	John 7-9	Gospel

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Choral Anthem: *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*
Arr. K. Lee Scott
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- WEEKLY AT HOME LITURGY -

CALL TO WORSHIP

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds. - Psalm 75:1

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We bless you for your preservation of us during the past night; and we desire to acknowledge again our dependence upon you, and our unfeigned obligations toward you. We thank you for having poured down upon us so many blessings of this life; we thank you for our health and strength; for our food and dress; and for all the comforts and conveniences which we enjoy. But, above all, we praise you for the inestimable privilege of being born in a land of religious light and knowledge. For these, and for all your various and great mercies, we would render unto you a grateful heart; and we would endeavor to show our gratitude, not with our lips only, but with our lives; by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you, in holiness and righteousness, all our days on earth. Amen.

- Henry Thornton

READING OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus said,

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

-Matthew 5:3-10

CONFESSION OF SINS

O Lord, you have mercy upon all - take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen. - Ambrose

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

PRAISE

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. - Gloria Patri

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O, make your Word a swift Word, passing from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip and conversation; that as the rain returns not empty, so neither may your Word, but accomplish that for which it is given. Amen. - George Herbert

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Bible reading plan (see Discipleship Reading Plan)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let your mighty hand and outstretched arm, O Lord, still be our defense; your mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ your dear Son, our salvation; your true and holy Word, our instruction; your grace and Holy Spirit, our comfort and consolation unto the end, and in the end. Amen. - John Bradford

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WEEKLY CATECHISM

As a church body, we affirm the Westminster Confession of Faith. The confession, written in 1648, serves as the confessional anchor of Presbyterian doctrine and includes a catechism to teach the faith in churches. Each week we work our way through 3-5 questions from the Westminster Shorter Catechism to both learn and remind ourselves of the faith that we profess. Pastor Brandon would love to talk to you when difficult sections come up.

Q. 49. Which is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Q. 50. What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in His Word.

Q. 51. What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in His Word.

Q. 52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, His propriety in us, and the zeal He hath to His own worship.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“Hold fast to Christ.
For you He became temporal
so that you might partake of eternity.”

- *St. Augustine*

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