

# 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12, 2023



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## HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Hope Presbyterian Church*  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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**We Gather as God's People**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

*Please take this time to write your prayer concerns online in the live chat, or if onsite use prayer cards and put them in the offering plate.*

Prelude

"Sleepers Wake"

Paul Manz

Introit

"Live Into Hope"

\* Call to Worship

Tom King, Liturgist

Together, we choose to serve God, which means:

**We choose love, hope, and peace.**

**We choose kindness, welcome, and justice.**

Thanks be to God, who first chose us!

**Let us worship the God we serve.**

\* Hymn #757 "We Are Called to Be Disciples"

v 1, 4

**Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first,  
our ease and comfort last.**

**May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod  
till all have seen and heard.**

**As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

Call to Confession

Our God is a God of glorious deeds, of wondrous works. Our hope is in God. But we do not always keep God's commandments. Let us confess our sins before our merciful and mighty God.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kin-dom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays.**

*(Let us pause in silence for reflection and personal confession.)*

**Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response #659 "Know That God Is Good"

**Know that God is good.**

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**Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.**

*<Repeat>*

Call for the Offering

God is a gracious giver who opens the door to all who seek the wisdom of God's ways. Therefore, let us offer the gifts of our life and labor and come into God's courts with praise. *There*



**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image of all genders, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

### **We Respond to the Word**

\* Hymn #90

*"Wait for the Lord"*

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!**

*<Repeat as directed.>*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who is in Heaven, Holy is Your name. May 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**

sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For Yours are the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*We Are Sent Forth to Serve*

\* Hymn #771 "What Is the World Like?"

v 1, 3, 4

**What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:  
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.  
This is how God moves us each to believe.**

**What is the world like when God's will is done?  
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;  
peace thrives in places where once there was none.  
This is how God works when rivalries end.**

**What is the world like when God's will is done?  
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,  
tending our lamps 'till the new day's begun.  
This is how God readies us for the light.**

\* Benediction

Postlude

"Fugue in F Major"

J. S. Bach

\* *Those who are able please stand.*

Numbers listed in the bulletin correspond to songs in the purple hymnal, **Glory to God**, which contains words and music for congregational singing. All are encouraged to make a joyful noise! **All rights reserved.** Music reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-730906 & CCLI # 3051311.

## **TODAY**

Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

Please join us right after worship for coffee and conversation.

Sunday School (Adults AND children): 10:45

Fellowship/Mission Craft Time, 2-4, Banner Room

## **PRAYER LIST UPDATES**

(Since last Wednesday)

Copies of the Wednesday Prayer List are available in the sanctuary hallway.

- Comfort for Barb Bruce and her family in the passing of her brother Kenneth Burger on 11/9.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Nov 19 Films & Faith, 5:00 pm

Nov 23 Thanksgiving Potluck at Hope

Nov 24 Red Cross Blood Drive

Nov 30 Hope Sows

Dec 1 HPC choir sings at "The Wakery"

Dec 7 "Hope for Long Nights" service, 7:00 pm

Dec 10 Adult Christmas Party at Bonnie Cartwright's

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*... the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you:  
to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

*Micah 6:8*