

# 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



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## HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2020

**We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

"Lobe den Herren"

David Christiansen

Welcome

*Please take this time to write your prayer concerns in the live chat, or text them to 217-801-7965.*

\* Call to Worship

Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, and worthy of our highest praise.

Who is like the Lord?

Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea, and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

Who is like the Lord?

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!

\* Hymn #35 v 1, 3

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!**

**All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;**

**join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!**

**Let the amen sound from his people again;**

**gladly for aye we adore him.**

Call to Confession

The promise of our faith is this: for all who call out in truth, God is near. Therefore, let us honestly confess our sin, first in silence, then together. (*Silence for reflection and personal confession.*)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short, and for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you. Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others?

We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts, rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves.

We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving. So, we kneel before you once again to ask for patience and grace. Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us, until it flows forth from us through acts of love.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response #586

"Alleluia"

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Call for the Offering

*Please mail checks directly to the Church Office for all offerings and pledges.*

- \* Song of Gratitude #608 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

### *We Listen for God's Word*

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Freed from the Past, for the Future"

Rev. Chuck Goodman

### *We Respond to the Word*

Hymn #444 v 1, 4

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.  
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.**

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Moment for Mission

CROP Walk 2020

**We Are Sent Forth to Serve**

- \* Hymn #65 v 1, 2            "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.**  
  
**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

- \* Benediction

Postlude

"Cwm Rhondda"

Paul Manz

*\* Those who are able please stand.*

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