

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024



Amersfoort, The Netherlands

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## HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*April 28, 2024*

**We Gather as God's People**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

*If onsite, please place gifts, offerings and prayer cards in one of the offering plates near the sanctuary entrance. Offering plates are not passed around, but will be brought forward early in the service.*

*If online, please take this time to write your prayer concerns in the live chat.*

Prelude

“God of the Sparrow”

Carl Schalk

Introit

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

\* Call to Worship

Sue Hack, Liturgist

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

**Let us come to praise the vine that gives all goodness!**

\* Hymn #28           “God of the Sparrow”  
v 1, 4, 6

**God of the sparrow, God of the whale,  
God of the swirling stars,  
How does the creature say Awe,  
How does the creature say Praise?**

**God of the hungry, God of the sick,  
God of the prodigal,  
How does the creature say Care,  
How does the creature say Life?**

**God of the ages, God near at hand,  
God of the loving heart,  
How do your children say Joy,  
How do your children say Home?**

Call to Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you.**

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

**Forgive us and restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”  
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Call for the Offering

*There are many ways to give of your time, talent and treasure:  
through the micro-pantry, Kumler collections, Hope in Action  
activities, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You may mail  
checks directly to the Church Office for all offerings and pledges.*

Offering what we have for the sake of others is a discipline of pruning – letting go of our possessions, our time, and even ourselves – to extend the gospel witness into the world. Be generous in your ministry of giving. You need not fear; you abide in the vine.

- \* Song of Gratitude “Praise God, from Whom  
#609 All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- \* Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

**Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a  
world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering  
for the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## *We Listen for God's Word*

Time with the Children

Anthem "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Hanson/ Dawson

Prayer for Illumination

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Lesson 1 John 4:7-21

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Lesson John 15:1-8

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Bearing Fruit of Love and Grace"

Rev. Chuck Goodman

\* Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 17

Let us stand and say together what we believe using the Apostles' Creed. People of God, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy [universal] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *We Respond to the Word*

\* Hymn #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.**

**For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.**

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.  
In our worldwide task of caring,  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 #382

*"Heaven Is Singing for Joy"*

**Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,  
for in your life and in mine is shining the glory of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,  
for your life and mine unite in the love of our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,  
for your life and mine will always bear witness to God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

\* Benediction

Postlude

“Toccatà in e minor”

Pachelbel

\* *Those who are able please stand.*

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## **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Office hours are 9:00 – 1:00, Tuesday - Thursday**

### **TODAY, Sunday, April 28**

- Fellowship Time: 10:30, hosted by Cathy Allen.
- Sunday School: 10:45
- **Films and Faith: 5:00 (Fellowship Hall);** contact Dave Ross
- Gamblers Anonymous: 6:30 – 8:00 (Library)

### **Monday, April 29**

- No activities scheduled
- **PASTOR CHUCK ON VACATION until May 7**

### **Tuesday, April 30**

- Pastor Chuck on vacation
- NO Staff Meeting
- Deadline for E-blast submissions: NOON
- NO Drop-in Hours for Pastor Chuck

### **Wednesday, May 1**

- Pastor Chuck on vacation
- **NO Morning Bible Study**
- Art Express: 12:00 – 4:30 (Banner Room and Library; Last meeting until summer session starts.)
- Gamblers Anonymous: 6:30 - 8:00 (Library)
- Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 (Music Room)

### **Thursday, May 2**

- Pastor Chuck on vacation
- NO Drop-in Hours for Pastor Chuck: 1:30 – 3:30
- **Deacons: 6:30 (Banner Room)**

### **Friday, May 3**

- Pastor Chuck on vacation
- **Men of Hope: 7:00 am (Lulu's Diner)**
- **Friday Night Knitters: 7:00 (Banner Room)**

### **Saturday, May 4**

- Pastor Chuck on vacation
- Handbells rehearsal: 9:30 – 11:00 (Sanctuary)
- **Spring Brunch Outing: 11:30 (Lulu's Diner)**

### **Sunday, May 5**

- Guest Pastor Lonna Lee
- Choir warm-up: 8:55 SHARP (Sanctuary)
- Worship Service: 9:30 (On-site and on-line, with communion)
- Fellowship Time: 10:30
- Sunday School: 10:45
- Gamblers Anonymous: 6:30 – 8:00 (Library)



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 19: Luncheon for Pentecost / send-off for Neil & Liz Parker
- May 21: Red Cross blood drive at Hope, 10-3
- May 25: Art Express Art Show: 1 – 4 (Fellowship Hall)

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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*

Proud to be a blank page for you today. 😊