

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

SACRED RHYTHMS

*liturgical service*

**HOPE**  
A Good Place to Find Life

# **WELCOME!**

*We are grateful that you have chosen to attend a worship service at Hope.*

*Today, we are joining the voices of many people around the world who follow the liturgical calendar. Thousands of churches will be reciting these same scriptures and praying these same prayers. Our desire is that this expression unifies our hearts with the Church around the world.*

*If you are new to church, or this is your first time attending a service here, we invite you to interact and join in as you feel comfortable. We hope this service is a life-giving experience that you find helpful and renewing.*

*We invite you to join us next week at Hope.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

## WELCOME + PREPARATION

PASTORAL MOMENT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Holy, Holy, Holy

## PRAYER + GREETING

PASTORAL PRAYER

**PASTOR:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**PEOPLE:** And also with you.

**PASTOR:** Let's stand and join in singing.

## HYMN: Come Thou Fount

*Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's redeeming love*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I've come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood*

*O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Please be seated. Let's pray together.

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**PEOPLE:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily glorify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CONFESSION + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**PASTOR:** Lord, grant us your peace

**PEOPLE:** for we have made peace with what does not give peace, and we are afraid. Drive us deep within to face ourselves, so we may see that what we truly need to fear is our capacity to deceive and our willingness to be deceived

**PASTOR:** Lord, grant us your peace

**PEOPLE:** for our loving of things and using of people, our struggle for power and shrinking of soul, our addiction to comfort and sedation of conscience, our readiness to criticize and reluctance to create, our clamor for privilege and silence at injustice, our seeking for security and forsaking the kingdom.

**PASTOR:** Lord, grant us your peace.

**PEOPLE:** Instill in us an awe of you that will make us wise, and a quiet courage as will enable us to make hope visible, forgiving delightful, loving contagious, faith liberating, peace-making joyful, and ourselves open and present to other people and your kingdom. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

**PASTOR:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**PEOPLE:** Amen.

**PASTOR:** Please stand and join in our hymn of adoration.

## HYMN OF ADORATION: Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity*

*Holy holy holy  
Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in pow'r  
In love and purity*

*Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Please be seated. And now for the hearing of God's word.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

**READER:** Let's pray. Lord, you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Help us to read, understand, and truly receive them, that encouraged and supported by your holy word, we may embrace and always hold fast to the joyful hope of eternal life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.

**PEOPLE:** Amen.

**READER:** Hear the words from the book of Jeremiah.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**READER:** "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup>I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord. <sup>5</sup>"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior."

**READER:** The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## **PSALTER VERSES: Psalm 46 + Offering**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Let's now continue worship with our offering.

## **SONG: Psalm 46**

*We will not fear, though the earth give way  
God is our refuge, ever-present strength*

*Though mountains they fall, the waters roar and rage  
God is our refuge*

*The Lord Almighty  
is with us, is with us  
The God of Jacob, He is our fortress  
Fortress*

*Come close and see what the Lord has done  
Keeper of peace, the exalted one*

*Be still and, and know that he is our eternal King  
Come close and see*

*Nations in uproar, kingdoms, they fall but  
he lifts his voice, and the earth melts*

**READER:** Hear the words from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

**READER:** "Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

**READER:** The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

**READER:** Please stand as we sing about Jesus our Savior.  
We believe he is worthy of our trust.

### **HYMN: 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus**

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
And to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
And to know, "Thus says the Lord!"*

*Jesus Jesus how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more  
And more, and more  
And more, and more*

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
And in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43**

**READER:** "When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup>and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." <sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults

at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"  
<sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."  
<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**READER:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**READER:** Let us continue singing of Christ, our Lord and Savior, who gave his life as a sacrifice for our sins.

### **SONG: Man Of Sorrows**

*Man of sorrows Lamb of God  
By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid*

*Silent as He stood accused  
Beaten mocked and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will  
He took a crown of thorns*

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto Thee*

*Sent of heaven God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed Him to that tree*

*Now my debt is paid  
It is paid in full  
By the precious blood  
That my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin  
Has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed*

*See the stone is rolled away  
Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised  
He's risen from the grave*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** You may be seated. Typically, we would say a creed together proclaiming what we believe, but today we will watch a video of the Nicene Creed.

**VIDEO: The Nicene Creed**

**MESSAGE: Homily**

**PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer**

**PASTOR:** Now let us pray as Jesus our Savior taught.

**PEOPLE:** 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. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**PASTOR:** Let's stand for our final song of joy and praise.

**SONG OF PRAISE: Cornerstone**

*My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name*

*Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all*

*When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil*

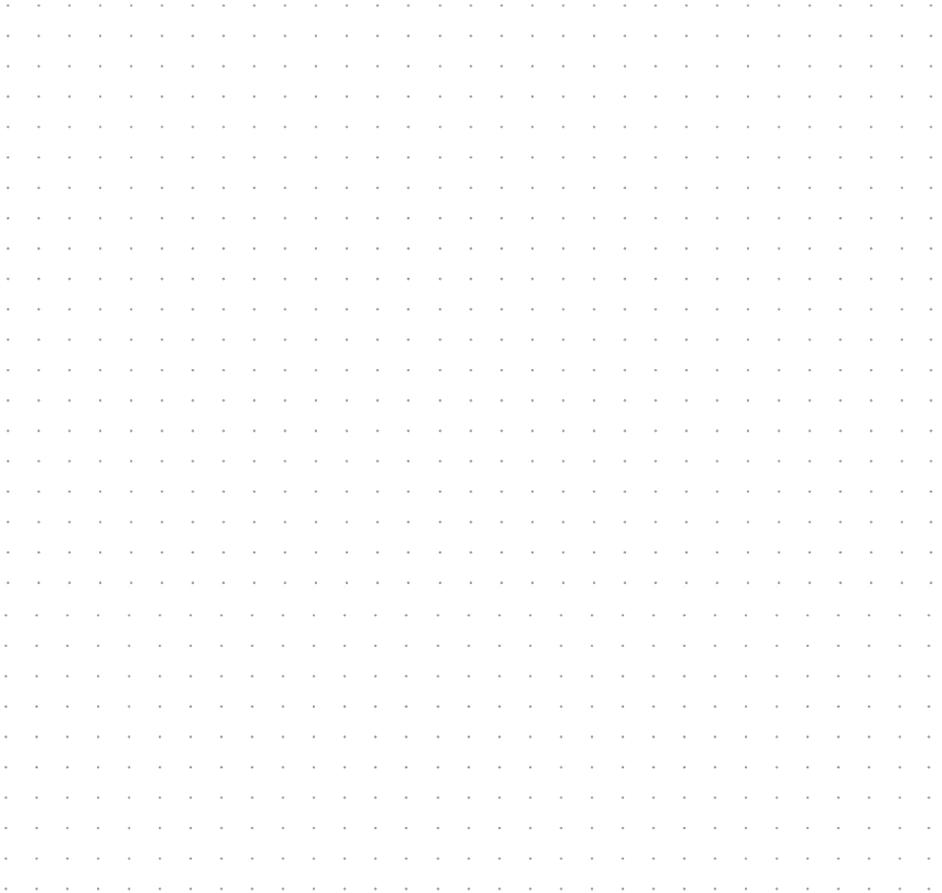
*When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne*

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

**BENEDICTION**

**PASTOR:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26, NIV)



# UPCOMING AT HOPE

*Hope Kids - Sensory Friendly  
Jingle Jam*  
December 6 - 6:30pm

*Hope Kids - Jingle Jam*  
December 7 - 11am, 2pm, 5pm

*Hope Kids Special Needs -  
Cookies with Santa*  
December 12 - 6:30pm

*Christmas Eve-*  
Sunday, December 22  
9am, 11am, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

Tuesday, December 24  
1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm

*Midtown -*  
No services on December 22 or 29 -  
join us at West Creek.

*Hope College - Passion 2020*  
December 31 - January 2

*Hope Thrift - Second Location*  
Opening early 2020

*Discover Hope*  
February 7-8

*Hope Students - Winter Weekend*  
February 14-16

*Book on Love*  
February 20-22

# KIDS & STUDENTS

## **Hope Kids -**

*West Creek & Midtown:*  
+ For infants through 5th grade  
+ Offered during all morning services  
[hopecentral.com/kids](http://hopecentral.com/kids)

## **Hope Students -**

*+ Middle and high school:*  
Resumes Dec. 1  
+ *College:* Every other Thurs. at 7pm  
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**WEST CREEK** 12445 Patterson Ave  
+ Sundays at 8, 9:30, or 11am, 5pm  
+ Online at [hopecentral.com/live](http://hopecentral.com/live)

**MIDTOWN** 4100 W Grace St  
+ Sundays at 10:30am  
+ Thomas Jefferson High School