

# HOPE CHURCH



detail from *The Miraculous Draught of Fishes*, Sebastiano Ricci, 1695-97

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# Reflections

“Jean Valjean, my brother, you no longer belong to evil, but to good. It is your soul that I buy from you; I withdraw it from black thoughts and the spirit of perdition, and I give it to God.”

"Bishop Myriel" in Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*

“It is clear... that 'knowing' God is of necessity a more complex business than 'knowing' another person, just as 'knowing' my neighbor is a more complex business than 'knowing' a house or a book or a language. The more complex the object, the more complex is the knowing of it.... knowing God is a relationship calculated to thrill a person's heart.”

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

“Few acts are more expressive of companionship than the shared meal.... Someone with whom we share food is likely to be our friend, or well on the way to becoming one.”

Carolyn Steel, *Hungry City: How Food Shapes Our Lives*

“Love is our identity and calling, for we are children of Love. Created from love, of love and for love, our existence makes no sense apart from Divine love. Neither knowing God nor knowing self can progress very far unless it begins with a knowledge of how deeply we are loved by God.”

David Benner, *The Gift of Being Yourself*

# Order of Worship

## GATHERING

### *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
what joy this blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everliving Head.

He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend,  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
what joy this blest assurance gives,  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,**

to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food in due season.

**You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

from Psalm 145

### **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. 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **GATHERING SONG**

#### ***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus***

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Tho' the cloud from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

## **CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

1 Peter 1:3-5

### **RENEWAL SONG**

#### ***Living Hope***

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever

Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory

## **COVENANT OF BAPTISM**

**Lowell Arthur Whitten**

### ***Jesus Loves You***

Jesus loves you, this we know  
For the Bible tells us so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves you,  
Yes, Jesus loves you,  
Yes, Jesus loves you,  
The Bible tells us so.

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **CHILDREN DISMISSED (Both Services)**

## **LIFE TOGETHER**

## **PREACHING OF THE WORD**

### **"Grace for Those Who've Blown It"**

**Ethan Smith**

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

John 21:1-19

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon Notes

# RESPONSE

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### *Exsultet*



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### OFFERTORY

#### **Rock of Ages**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

## **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!

## **COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **COMMUNION SONG**

***Sing to Jesus***

Come and see, Look on this mystery  
Lord of the universe, Nailed to a tree  
Christ our God, Spilling His holy blood  
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame  
Lord of our sinful hearts,  
He is our great Redeemer  
Sing to Jesus, Honor His name  
Sing of His faithfulness  
Pouring His life out unto death

Come, you weary, And He will give you rest  
Come you who mourn, Lay on His breast  
Christ who died, Risen in paradise  
Giver of mercy, Giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne  
Now and forever,  
He is the king of heaven  
Sing to Jesus, We are His own

Now and forever,  
Sing for the love our God has . . .  
Sing to Jesus, His is the throne  
Now and forever,  
He is the king of heaven  
Sing to Jesus, We are His own  
Now and forever,  
Sing for the love our God has shown

## **SENDING**

### **SENDING SONG**

#### ***We Will Feast in the House of Zion***

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom

### **BENEDICTION**

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21

## LIFE TOGETHER

### SERVE

**Grab a manna bag** by the exits to share with our unhoused neighbors!

**Green Team:** Reach out to Susan Mitchell or Tiffany Shin to help with Hope's plants.

**YoungLives Greeting Card Fundraiser:** Link in Looking Up; Order by Apr. 19.

**Hope Kids Camp** - June 1-4: Register now to volunteer!

### CHURCH LIFE

**Men's Mentoring Ministry:** Reach out to Tom Nicholson or Ben Shaw.

**Small Group Q&A Sessions:** Register if you cannot make your Life Group gathering.

**Women's Line Dancing** - Apr. 25 2-4pm: All welcome; please register!

**Congregational Meeting** - May 3 10am: Kids SS and Nursery provided.

### PARENTS & CHILDREN

**Parents' Night Out Fundraiser** - Apr. 24 5:30-8pm: Benefits Quito trip; Register now!

**Summer Conference Registration Now Open** for the Edge and RYM.

**Hope Kids Camp** - June 1-4: Register now for current K-5th!

**Kids Connection** - *April Verse* - I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live. John 11:25

### FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF APRIL 7th, 2025

	Actual to Date	Budget through 4/30	Difference	
<b>Income</b>	\$340,574	\$440,233	-\$99,659	-22.64%
<b>Expense</b>	\$400,439	\$528,965	-\$128,525	-24.30%
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	-\$59,865	-\$88,732		

**ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,558,309**

### MAKING ROOM FOR MORE UPDATE

Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received Beyond Commitments	Total Funds Received to Date
\$9.4 million	\$5,243,302	\$735,167	\$4,473,518