

HOPE CHURCH
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 24, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE *Romanza on The White Rock*
Prelude on Rhosymedre

R. Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Our Help*

Gordon Wiersma
arr. Brian Carder

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth. Amen.
Our help is in no other.
Blest be the LORD who saves us.

Psalm 124.8

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Come now, God, and send your Spirit among us,
stir for us this water of memory and imagination.
Send your Spirit to enliven our praise, to strengthen our hands,
to guide us in work and play, in service and love,
to assure us again and always of your love.

Sisters and brothers, in these waters be renewed in the promises of baptism,
bathed in the truth that you are claimed by God forever.

There is no reason any longer to be afraid.
The Spirit moves among us. Let us worship and praise God!

RESPONSE *You Have Put on Christ*

congregation sings twice

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response: "You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been baptized." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Alleluia! Alleluia!". The lyrics are written below the notes.

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Red #43 *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

CWM RHONDDA

*Congregation to rise in body or spirit

Bold type indicates congregational response

*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *O God You Search Me*

Farrell



O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie o-pen to your gaze.



When I walk or lie down you are be-fore me: E-ver the mak-er and keep-er of my days.

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God our Father, who loves us,
our Mother, who blesses us,
**it is your presence that we need,
and we are restless until we rest in you . . .**

prayer continues in stillness

Jesus Christ, Savior and Friend,
**it is your way that we need,
and we follow you in faith . . .**

prayer continues in stillness

Holy Spirit, Wisdom and Giver,
**it is your truth that we need
and your gifts that we treasure . . .**

prayer continues in stillness

Triune God, Eternal Fountain of Grace,
**nourish us always as your children
that we may be a blessing wherever you call us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

O God You Search Me

**You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

*ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE Red #591 *Laudate Dominum/Sing Praise, and Bless the Lord*
congregation refrain; cantor verse LAUDATE DOMINUM

For you are good and your love lasts for ever, alleluia, alleluia.
Your faithfulness lasts from age to age, alleluia, alleluia.

*THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Children ages 3 through grade 5 leave for Children's Worship

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

HAMILTON



O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, O - pen your ears and hear God's word.



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to — you.



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16:2-5

p. 55

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105 Red #200 Praise the Lord, the Day Is Won
stanzas 1,2,5

ST. KEVIN

THE EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 1:21-30

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This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 20:1-6

p. 801

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Making Whine in the Vineyard*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ~ *silent meditation*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives.**

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
to live as one community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**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. Amen.**

adapted from "A Brief Statement of Faith", Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1983

LIFE OF HOPE

CALL TO PRAYER *Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil*

Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil: Love is strong-er than hate.
light is strong-er than dark - ness; life is strong-er than death;
vic-tory is ours, vic-tory is ours, through him who loved us.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear note values and rests.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Throughout the prayer the following response will be used:

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

... ending with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING *Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, and pass it back.*

Offertory *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

arr. Alice Parker

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land:
I am weak, but thou art mighty, Hold me with thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.
Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing streams do flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliv'rer, Be thou still my Strength and Shield.
Musing on my habitation, Musing on my heav'nly home,
Fills my soul with holy longings: Come, my Jesus, quickly come;
Lord, I long to be with Thee!
When I tread the verge of Jordan Let my anxious fears subside;
Foe to death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises I will ever sing to thee.

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

*** Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

***or praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

*RECESSIONAL HYMN Red #900 *O Holy Spirit, by Whose Breath*
stanzas 1,3,5,6

PUER NOBIS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude on Hyfrydol*

R. Vaughan Williams

TODAY

Assisting in worship today are Pastor Gordon Wiersma, preacher; Pastor Jill Russell, liturgist; Ben Sikkink, representing Building and Grounds, crucifer; Moira Gargano, reader; Chancel Choir directed by Brian Carder; and Rhonda Edgington, organist.

Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to leave the sanctuary after the Word with the Children to participate in **Children in Worship**. First time worshipers for preschoolers should be accompanied by a parent. The story for 3-year-olds and Pre K = *Our Offerings*; kindergarten and grade 1 = *Praying with Music*; grades 2 and 3 = *The Good Shepherd and the Eucharist*; grades 4 and 5 = *Creation – The Gifts of God*. **Children's Bulletins** are available at each door for ages 3-6 & ages 7-12. Please return writing & coloring utensils to the doors after the service.

The rose in the chancel is placed to celebrate the birth of Hugo Ignatius Alsum, son to Hal Alsum and Sarah Alsum-Wassenaar, born on September 16.

Visitors, we are so glad you could worship with us today! Please feel free to stop by the welcome desk in the gathering area for helpful information and a Hope Church mug.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of and thanksgiving for our bus drivers Ben Sikkink, Mark Sneller, and Leon Knoll.

Greeting you at the parking lot entrance are John & Claudia Berry; elder greeter today is Kathy Sheridan.

Thank you to those who have been responding to the Challenge Grant! We are receiving pledges and need your help to reach our goal of \$100,000! Four households have pledged \$100,000 as a matching grant challenge for any pledges received by **September 30th**; please consider giving now to eliminate or reduce the amount of any future mortgage. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 616-392-7947 or email office@hopechurchca.org.