

**HOPE CHURCH**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
July 16, 2017 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE *Andante from First Organ Sonata*

William Dayas

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Now let us sing*

Now let us sing with joy and mirth,  
praising the One who gave us birth.  
Let ev'ry voice rise and attend  
to God whose love shall never end.

VOTUM AND SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the LORD who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**Amen.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.**

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

**I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

Your word is lamp to my feet

**and a light to my path.**

*from Psalm 119*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Red #529 *Gather Us In*

GATHER US IN

\*SALUTATION

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\*Congregation to rise in body or spirit

**Bold type indicates congregational response**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy) ~ Orthodox*



Ky-ri - e e-lei-son. Ky-ri - e e-lei-son. Ky-ri - e e-le - i - son.  
Chri - ste e-lei-son. Chri - ste e-lei-son. Chri - ste e-le - i - son.

Gracious and Loving God,  
**we give you thanks that the scriptures  
are shot through with stories of people just like us:  
men who grieved, women who questioned,  
siblings who did not get along,  
parents who chose favorites.  
We know the seeds we have sown  
and we come before you without pretense.**

*prayer continues in stillness*

Patient and Persistent God,  
**forgive us and shower us in your love.  
Your grace can turn our fallow hearts into rich fields of love.  
Your hope can smooth the rocks in our way,  
opening the path to reconciliation.  
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
can untangle the thorny mess we have made of our lives.  
Bless us with these gifts, we pray.**

*congregation will sing Kyrie as printed above*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

RESPONSE *Let Justice Flow*



Let jus-tice flow down, down like a riv-er, down to the val-leys where the help-less cry, Let



right-eous-ness flow through us for-ev-er, lead us to the stream that will nev-er run dry.

\*THE PEACE

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

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

*Children ages 3 through grade 2 leave for Children in Worship*

**THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION AND SACRAMENT**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

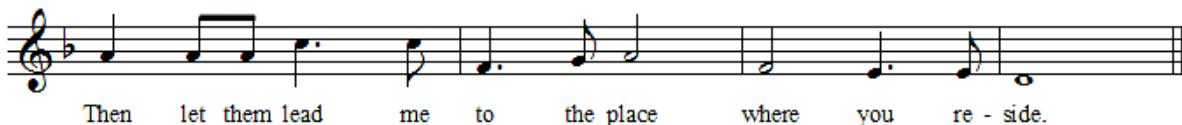
THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 25:19-34

*p.19*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119 *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.  
I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.  
I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.  
Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgements. (Refrain)  
My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.  
The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.  
Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.  
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end. (Refrain)

THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:1-11

*p. 918*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*p. 794*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *What Is That?*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ~ *silent meditation*

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

LIFE OF HOPE

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 *In You, O Lord, I Will Place My Trust*

Allen Pote

In you, O Lord, I will place my trust, for you are my hope and my strength.  
In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge, for you are the God of truth.  
Be my guide, lead me Lord, incline your ear unto me.  
Save me, Lord, in your steadfast love, be my rock and my strength.  
I will rejoice and be glad, be glad in your love, for you have seen my affliction.  
You have known the sorrows, the sorrows of my heart.  
I will trust, I will trust in you.  
In you, O Lord, I will place my trust, for you are my hope and my strength.  
In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge, for you are the God of truth.  
You are my hope and my strength, you are my rock and salvation.  
In you, O Lord, I will place my trust.

\*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;**  
**\*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**  
**\*or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

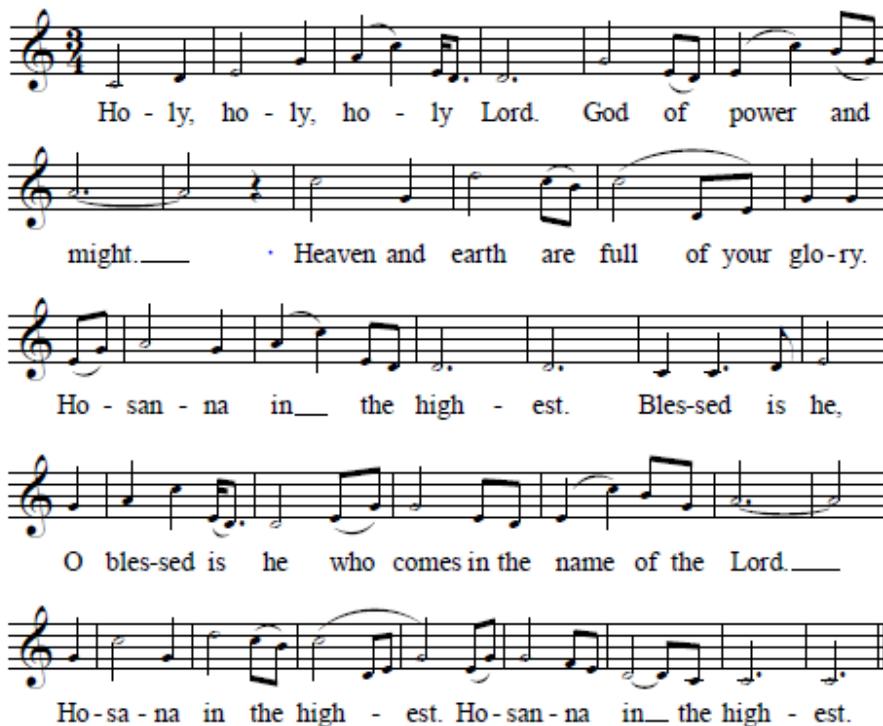
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty . . .

. . . we worship and adore your glorious name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and  
might. \_\_\_\_\_ · Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he,  
O bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*silence*

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper . . .  
. . . Together we proclaim the Mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died! Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!**

Words of Institution

The Communion

*To be served communion, please come forward as guided by the ushers, exiting on your left and returning on your right. You will be invited to take the bread and dip it in the cup. Gluten free elements will be available on each plate. Feel free to pause and reflect after receiving the elements. To be served in the pew, please speak to an usher. The Reformed Church in America welcomes baptized children to receive the sacrament of communion. Hope Church encourages parents/guardians to decide whether they wish their children to partake of the sacrament. Parents/guardians are asked to accompany their children forward, indicating if they wish their children to receive the bread and cup.*

Music during communion:

*Eat This Bread* all refrain; cantor verses

5 Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. A small number '5' is placed above the first note of the first staff. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

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I am the bread of life,  
the true bread sent from the Father .

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,  
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat my flesh and drink my blood,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

*Canticle to the Spirit*

Daley

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, giving life to all life,  
Root of all things, washing them clean,  
Wiping out their mistakes, healing all their wounds,  
You are our true life, luminous, wonderful,  
Awakening the heart from its ancient sleep.

*In the Lord*

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -  
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your  
voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G minor (two flats) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff. A small number '3' is placed above the third measure of the second staff. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### \*THANKSGIVING

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and forget not all God's benefits.**

*from Psalm 103*

God gave Jesus Christ for us all, and will give us all things with Christ.  
**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth  
the praise of the Lord from this time forth forevermore.**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN Red #268 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

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### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata*

Arthur Foote

## TODAY

Assisting in worship today are Pastor Jill Russell, preacher; Pastor Gordon Wiersma, liturgist; crucifer processed by the deacons; Bob Jerow, reader; Summer Walk-In Chancel Choir directed by Brian Carder; and Rhonda Edgington, organist.

There will be *Summer Church School* during this service for children ages 3 through those who will be completing second grade. The children will leave the sanctuary during the service and **meet in Room 204**. **Children's Bulletins** are available at each door for ages 3-6 & ages 7-12. Please return writing and coloring utensils to the doors after the service.

**This weekend, Pastor Beth** is at a leadership summit sponsored by the RCA's Women's Transformation and Leadership team. She will be back Sunday evening.

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

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given by Barbara Timmer, in loving memory of her parents, Norm and Barbara Dee Timmer.

**The flowers last week** given by Tim and Linda Cook in memory of their parents were never placed in the sanctuary. The staff deeply regret that the flowers did not get placed in the sanctuary and apologize for this oversight.

**Greeting you** at the parking lot entrance is Tom & Sharon Arendshorst; elder greeter today will be David Blauw.

**Beverages in Sanctuary:** As a friendly reminder, please make sure to remove and/or dispose of all your beverage containers directly after the service.