

HOPE CHURCH
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 15, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE *The King of Love*
Beside Still Waters

W Held
D Locklair

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come to the Waters* (sung in Swahili)

Mark Sedio

Come to the waters, the waters of life;
We live refreshed;
by dying and rising together with Jesus
We are healed (made whole).

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

May the blessing of God,
Fountain of Living Water,
flow within us as a river of life.
May we drink deep of the Spirit's Wisdom;
may we never thirst again;
may we be refreshed in healing for us and for all
through the One who is life eternal.

**Living Water, River of Mercy,
to you be honor and blessing,
glory and praise,
now and forever.**

RESPONSE *Come to the Waters*

Come! _____ Come to the wa - ters! Come, come,
dy - ing and ris - ing with Je sus_ the Ho - ly one.

*Congregation to rise in body or spirit

Bold type indicates congregational response

*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *O Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie Guarani ~ Paraguay)*

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

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Holy God, you are the Lord our God,
who brought us out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.

**And yet our trust in you is fragile,
easily crushed by our bent toward indifference:
the dismissal of your faithfulness
as a result of our forgetfulness.**

**Our trust is fragile,
easily broken by the slightest pause:
an answer to prayer not instantly given,
a request for peace not immediately felt.**

**Our trust is fragile,
easily displaced by gods of our own making:
the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost,
the god of illusion, pursued in any form.**

**Lord, have mercy on us,
through Christ, our Lord.**

O Lord, Have Mercy ~ repeat as before

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

*ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE Purple #804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*
stanzas 1 & 3

MARION

*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 *God of the Word*



God of the Word, now let the Word be spo - ken, Word of our God, come
vis - it us with grace. Rise like a fra - grance, like a chord of mu - sic,
fill - ing all this ho - ly place.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 32:1-14

p. 69

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

PSALM 106 Purple #60 *Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts*

ST. MAGNUS

congregation: stanzas 1, 3, 5; choir: stanzas 2 & 4

THE EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 4:1-9

p. 955

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14

p. 803

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Missing the Party*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ~ *silent meditation*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*CONFESSION OF FAITH *from the Belhar Confession 1986, South Africa*

**We believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the Church
by Word and Spirit,**

as God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian Church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that God has entrusted to the Church
the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
that the Church is called to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world;**

that the Church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker;

that the Church is witness both by word and by deed

to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

**We believe that the Church must witness against
and strive against any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

Jesus is Lord.

**To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

LIFE OF HOPE

CALL TO PRAYER *Be Still and Know*

congregation sings two times

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains two phrases of music with lyrics underneath: "Be still and know that I am God." and "Be still and know that I am." The second staff contains three phrases: "Be still and know.", "Be still.", and "Be." with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the word "Be." to the right, indicating a sustained note.

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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 *Draw the Circle Wide*

Gordon Light

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still,

Let this be our song; no one stands alone standing side by side.

Draw the circle wide.

God the still point of the circle round whom all creation turns

Nothing lost, but held together in God's gracious arms.

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;

Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Let the dream we dreamed be larger than we ever dreamed before;

Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

*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 Purple #821 *My Life Flows On*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Go Forth with Joy*

G Walker

Prayer of Confession from *Feasting on the Word* Worship Companion (Westminster John Knox Press, 2014)