

HOPE CHURCH
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
November 26, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*
Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord

M. Burkhardt
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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Laudate omnes gentes*
O praise God all you nations,
Praise the Lord.

John Bell

VOTUM AND SENTENCES

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

Psalm 124:8

Amen.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is God who has made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter into God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, and bless God's name.

**For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Psalm 100

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Purple #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

*SALUTATION

*Congregation to rise in body or spirit

Bold type indicates congregational response

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Lord, Have Mercy*

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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Mighty and tender God,
voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless:
**we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness,
a realm of peace, in which all hunger and thirst are nourished,
in which the stranger is welcome, the hurting are healed,
and the captive is set free.**
**Guide us by your truth and love
until we and all your people
make manifest your reign of justice and compassion.**

Lord, Have Mercy ~ repeat as before

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

*ACCLAMATION OF FAITH Purple #276 *Sing a New Song unto the Lord* SING A NEW SONG

*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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

p. 702

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100 Purple #385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*
congregation: stanzas 1, 2 & 4; choir: stanza 3

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

p. 949

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46

p. 807

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *The Everlasting Instant*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ~ *silent meditation*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*CONFESSION OF FAITH *The 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

CALL TO PRAYER *Let Us Walk in Justice*

Let us walk in jus - tice, let us walk in mer - cy,
let us walk, let us walk, let us walk hum - bly with our God.

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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 *Christus Paradox*

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer
Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.
Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggar'd by a soldier's toss
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.

Alfred Fedak

You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.
Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
You, who are our death and our life.

text by Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993)

*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 #203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

CHEREPONI

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng*

M. Burkhardt

TODAY

Assisting in worship today are Pastor Jill Russell, preacher; Pastor Beth Carroll, liturgist; crucifer processed by a representative from Early Worship; Jim Brownson, reader; Chancel Choir directed by Brian Carder; and Ruth Keel, 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**. The story for 3-year-olds and Pre K = *The Good Shepherd and the Found Sheep*; kindergarten and grade 1 = Parable: *The Good Shepherd and the Found Sheep*; grades 2 and 3 = *Return from Exile*; grades 4 and 5 = *Moses: The Church Tells Time*. **Children's Bulletins** are available at each door for ages 3-6 & ages 7-12. Plug into Worship worksheets are also available. Please return writing & coloring utensils to the doors after the service.

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 by Peg DeHaan in loving memory of her husband, John.

Greeting you at the parking lot entrance are Michelle Bombe and Curt Tofteland.

Jubilate Choir (grades 1-6) will rehearse today from 4:15 pm to 5 p.m. All singers are invited to come and sing to learn music for Advent and Christmas.

CAH - AN AMAZING HAPPENING! An envelope from Hope Church was delivered to Community Action House- upon being opened, 253 turkeys flew out and settled upon tables across our community on Thanksgiving Day! CAH is very grateful, as are the families around those tables! THANKS also to those in the past few weeks who have also contributed the "good stuff" to accompany those turkeys. Extra items will also be needed for the holidays ahead.