

**HOPE CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**SEASON OF RECONCILIATION**  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE**  
January 14, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE *We Shall Overcome*

Two spirituals for organ and saxophone  
*Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*  
*Somebody's Knocking at your Door*

Jan Janca  
Bernard Wayne Sanders

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Hold On*

Paul and Silas bound in jail  
Had no money for to go their bail  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

Civil Rights Movement text adapted by Alice Wine

Paul and Silas began to shout  
The jail door opened and they walked out  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

Only chain that we can stand  
Is the chain of hand in hand  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on

VOTUM AND SENTENCES

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

*Psalms 124:8*

**Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

We live sustained by God's presence and love.

**Thanks be to God.**

As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

**God weeps with us.**

As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who live in faith,

**God gives thanks with us.**

As we struggle for justice,

**God struggles with us.**

As we strive for peace,

**God strives with us.**

As we work to build the beloved community,

**God works with us.**

As we offer our gifts to all,

**God blesses us.**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice,

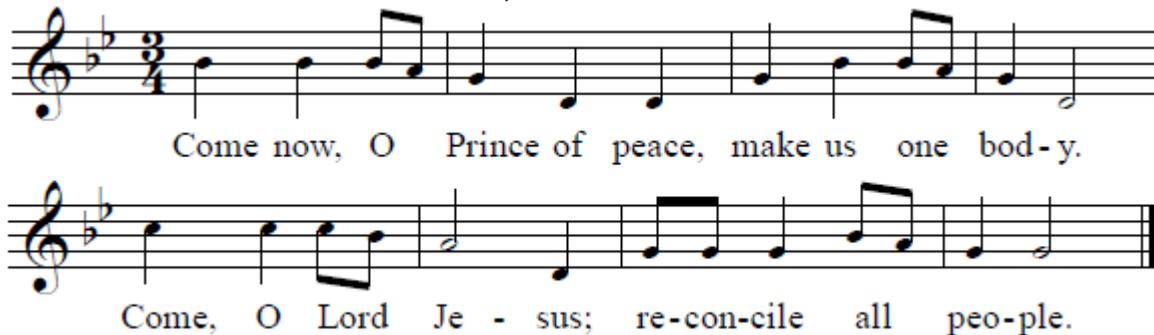
**sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.**

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\*Congregation to rise in body or spirit, **Bold type indicates congregational response**

\*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*



Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod-y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; re-con-cile all peo-ple.

God our Creator,  
whenever we settle for the way things are  
instead of the way you have created them to be,  
**forgive and renew us.**

Whenever we are paralyzed by fear  
or intimidated by the powers around us,  
**increase our trust in you.**

Whenever we offer charity  
but fail to work for justice,  
**show us the more excellent way  
that your love creates.**

Whenever we tire of the struggle  
and tomorrow feels overwhelming,  
**restore our hope.**

Whenever we forget  
those who have gone before us,  
**open our ears to the wisdom  
of the prophets and saints.**

*prayer continues in stillness*

God our Creator,  
**awaken us to the movement of your Spirit,  
seeking the paths of unity, reconciliation, and justice  
as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE TO GRATEFUL LIVING

RESPONSE *Open Unto Me*  
congregation will sing twice



Op-en un-to me light for my dark-ness. Light for my dark-ness o-pen un-to me.



Op-en un-to me light for my dark - ness. Op-en un-to me, O God.

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

*Children ages 3 through grade 5 leave for Children in Worship*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-20

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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PSALM 139 *O God, You Search Me and Know Me*



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.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. **Refrain**

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them - they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end - I am still with you. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 1:43-51

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *The Rub of Reconciliation: Judgement and Grace*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING Red #297 *Open Our Eyes*  
stanzas 1, 2, 3

OPEN OUR EYES

## 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.**

WITNESS TO RECONCILIATION

LIFE OF HOPE

CALL TO PRAYER *O God, You Search Me*  
*congregation to sing*

**Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.**

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 *Jesus Calls Us*

arr. Kallman

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea;  
day by day his voice is sounding, Saying, "Christians follow me."  
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that keeps us, saying, "Christian, love me more."  
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."  
Jesus call us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear you, hear your call  
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

\*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 #930 *This Little Light of Mine*

LIGHT OF MINE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Oh, Freedom*

Adolphus Hailstork

*Those wishing to listen to the postlude are welcome to remain in the sanctuary.*

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