

**HOPE CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
February 25, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE *Jesus, Still Lead On*  
*Be Thou my Vision*

Paul Manz  
Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Love Which Understands*

John L. Bell

Before you spoke, before you healed, before you broke the bread,  
in crowds, as in the quiet place, you felt for where God led.  
So we, responding to your call to walk your chosen way,  
admit our need to learn from you to love and work and pray.

VOTUM AND SENTENCES

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

**Amen.**

*Psalm 124:8*

I will declare your name to the community;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you, O LORD.

**Praise the LORD, you that worship God;**  
**stand in awe of the LORD, O offspring of Israel;**  
**all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD'S face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

**My praise is of God in the great assembly;**  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the LORD.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall give praise:  
**all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,**  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before the LORD.**

*Psalm 22*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Red #40 *I Will Be Your God*

NYLAND

\*SALUTATION

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\*Congregation standing as able

**Bold type indicates congregational response**

*First time Part III, second time add Part II, third time add Part I.*

Part I  
O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Part II  
O - pen my heart, O - pen my heart.

Part III  
O - pen my heart, O - pen my heart

God of all generations,  
**open our ears, our hearts, our lives,**  
**to your call to follow you in faith**  
**and to your promise to be with us in faithfulness.**

We doubt that you would use  
 such people as us,

**yet you name us as blessed**  
**and call us to be a blessing.**

We resign ourselves to what  
 is safe and practical  
 or find ourselves caught in despair,  
**yet you are the Creator who**  
**calls into being new life and hope**  
**in our lives and your world.**

We cling to what is familiar  
 and fear what we might lose,  
**but you challenge us to trust our lives**  
**to the true abundance found**  
**in your reign of righteousness and peace.**

God of all generations,  
**nourish our faith in your presence and promise,**  
**that we may walk with our Lord**  
**in the ways of true life.**

*congregation sings as above*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE TO GRATEFUL LIVING

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*p. 11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 4:13-25

*p. 916*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38

*p. 789*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *Walking With Jesus*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ~ *silent meditation*

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

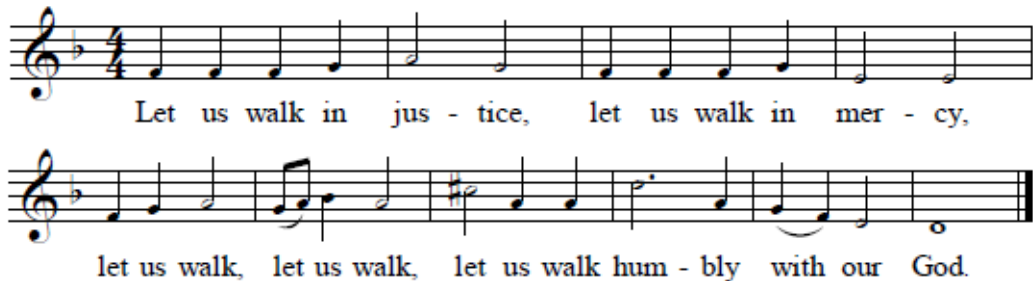
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**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

CALL TO PRAYER *Let Us Walk in Justice*



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 *Walk Together Children*

Anthony Leach

Walk together children, don't you get weary,  
there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

Gonna walk and never tir', walk and never tir'.

Sing together children.

Pray together children.

Shout together children.

\*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.

*people singing: Holy, Holy*

MACMILLAN

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.

*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.*

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

T. Osman

### *The Lord is My Song*

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:  
All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the  
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

## 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 #443 *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Flourish on "Salzburg" (At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing)* Douglas Wagner

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