

HOPE CHURCH
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 16, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE *Prelude in A major, BWV 536*

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *In Christ We Live*

John L. Bell

In Christ we live and in Christ we die and in Christ we rise up again.
Let heav'n be glad and let earth rejoice and sing, "Alleluia, amen!"
This is God's house, holy ground for God's people,
hallowed by singing and silence and prayer;
blessed by the presence and pow'r of the Spirit,
founded on faith in the Savior we share.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Living Water, Fountain of Grace,
in whom we live and move and have our being;
River of Mercy, who quenches our thirst,
refreshes our weariness;
Source of Life, who bathes and washes
and cleanses our wounds;
be for us and for all the world
a fountain of life and hope.
Living Water, flow within us
as a river of life and healing for all.

RESPONSE *Water*

Wa - ter, wa - ter, rush o-ver me. Fill me, keep me,
help me to see. Wa - ter, wa - ter— rush o-ver me.
Fill me with peace, Let it be.

*Congregation to rise in body or spirit

Bold type indicates congregational response

*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Kyrie*

Russian Orthodox



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei - son.

Holy and merciful Spirit who searches and knows us,
who is familiar with all our ways,
we bring our lives before you and look to your grace.
We confess our brokenness, and seek your healing;
we confess our confusion, and seek your wisdom;
we confess our sin, and seek your forgiveness;
we confess our fears, and seek your courage;
we confess our hesitation, and claim your gifts.

prayer continues in stillness

Gracious and Loving God,
take away all that dishonors your name,
injures our neighbor, and hurts ourselves,
that we may know the joy of living in your will.
Give us a spirit of true repentance,
that we may turn in all things to follow you,
and find in your Spirit true wisdom, hope, and peace.

repeat Kyrie as above

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

RESPONSE Purple #174 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

MADELEINE

*THE PEACE

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

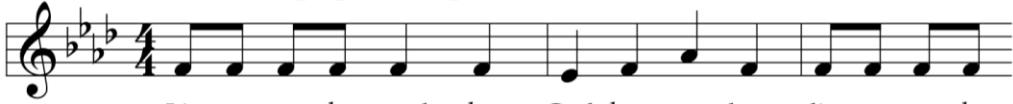
THE WORD OF GOD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Children ages 3 through grade 5 leave for Children in Worship

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken*

congregation sings twice



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 1.20-33

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 19

congregation refrain, cantor verses

Through the wit-ness of cre-a-tion, through the glo-ry
of the Word, you show the way to the king-dom of light,
you show the way to e-ter-nal life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. **Refrain**

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE LESSON James 3.1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8.27-38

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON *Wisdom and the Joy of Being Wrong*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ~ *silent meditation*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*adapted from "A Brief Statement of Faith",
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1983*

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives.

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image

to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

LIFE OF HOPE

CALL TO PRAYER *Nothing in Height or Depth*
congregation to sing twice

John Bell



Noth-ing in height or in depth which be - friend or be - falls us.



Noth-ing in life or in death which for - bids or fore - stalls us,



Noth-ing can li - mit the love of our Sa-viour, Je - sus Christ.

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 *Let Us With A Gladsome Mind*

Alan Ridout

Let us with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord for he is kind:

For his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the God.

He with all commanding might, filled the new made world with light.

He the golden tressed sun caused all day his course to run.

The horned moon to shine by night, mid her spangled sisters bright.

All things living God doth feed, God's full hand supplies their need:

For his mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, every sure. Amen.

*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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN *Purple #23 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

PLEADING SAVIOR

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in A major, BWV 536*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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