



Gathering Music & Announcements

Greeting

Pastor

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Music Director

Prelude

Liturgist

Call to Worship

Liturgist: There is something deeper than trouble.

All: It is mercy.

Liturgist: God's amazing grace;

All: Carrying, lifting, holding us in all seasons.

Liturgist: **There is something more powerful than despair.**

All: It is mercy.

Liturgist: God's amazing love;

All: Seeing us through dark nights, waves of sadness, mountains of grief.

Liturgist: There is something longer lasting than pain.

All: It is mercy.

Liturgist: God's healing touch;

All: Bringing us hope, leading us to joy, teaching us to sing.

Opening Prayer

Liturgist

O God, you create all things. You bear all things, you hope all things, you endure all things. Each of your creatures, all your children are members of your body. All partake of your promise. Open your heaven and descend like a dove upon the world; make plain your hidden plan, your mysterious purpose for our lives. Standing in the waters of our baptism, we await your presence. Amen

—Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson, *Litanies and Other Prayers, Year A* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1992), 30.

Song of Praise

"10,000 Reasons"

Worship Video

Call to confession

Liturgist

Liturgist: We come to worship to remember and to claim our calling. We come to worship to renew our affirmation to be dedicated people of God, always willing to listen and to pay attention to those whose needs are great. In our moments of honest reflection, we realize how often we fall short of our goal. In that knowledge, let us confess our shortcomings to God.

Confession

**In the stillness of this time and place, let us think not on what we have done, but on what we have failed to do. O God, we are sorry for the occasions when ... we saw a life falling apart and failed to pray;
we witnessed the beginnings of a childish meltdown and failed to take the time to bring a breath of calm reassurance;
we didn't heed the warning for caution and instead plunged willfully forward to the detriment of others;**

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(Confession continued)

we failed to heed medical advice and paid the price with a physical setback that could have been avoided;

we acted irresponsibly and others paid for our costly arrogance.

Forgive us, loving God, for our failures of the past, and awaken us to heed the challenges of the future.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: My friends, hear this good news: God claims you as God's own. You are loved forever, no matter what you have done or failed to do. You are granted newness of life; rejoice in the assurance that, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Message for Young Christians

Pastor

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-11[NRSV]

Pastor

Sermon

"A Fresh Start"

Pastor

Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

Liturgist

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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;

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.

Invitation to Offering

Liturgist

*Please continue to give to Christ's ministry
by mailing your checks to the church office
or through a wide variety of online giving opportunities.
Go to: <https://www.hopepresbyterianchurch.org/give/>*

Prayer of Dedication

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Response #647

“Give Thanks”

Music Director

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)*

*And now let the weak say, “We are strong!”
Let the poor say, “We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!” (Repeat)
Give thanks.
Give thanks.*

Communion

Pastor

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer

Hymn #724 vv.1,2,4

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Music Director

Verse 1

*O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.*

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Hymn #724 vv.1,2,4

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (continued)

Music Director

Verse 2

*O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.*

Verse 4

*O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.*

Charge and Blessing

Pastor

Postlude

Music Director

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