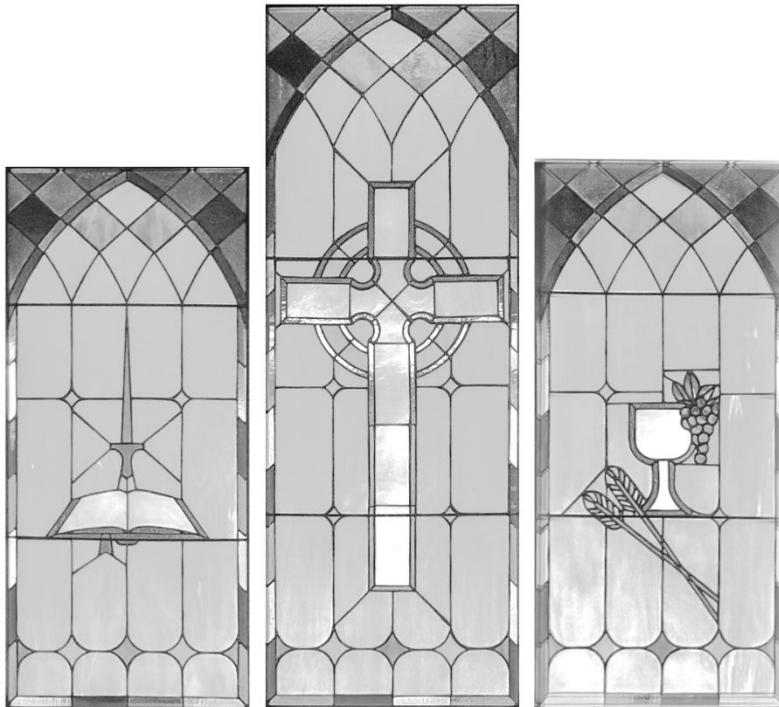

HOPE CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

July 4, 2021

The Lord's Day



“I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.”

—Isaiah 42:8

Welcome to Hope Church. We are so glad that you are here to join in worship of our God, through Jesus, his Son. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), with deep roots in the reformed tradition. Our mission is to know, worship, and proclaim Jesus Christ as the hope of the world, lovingly bringing the message to our community.

We want you to feel welcome, and as such, have prepared this guide to help you to engage in worship. The apostle Paul exhorts us to present our bodies as living sacrifices unto the Lord (Rom. 12:1). For that reason, our worship engages the whole body with standing, sitting, lifting hands, eating & drinking, which helps us present ourselves wholly to God as an act of worship. There are no passive worshipers, just sitting and hearing, but we are all called to be active and engaged, responding from the heart.

Please note that when the congregation is to read, the type will be boldfaced and indented:

[Leader] Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
[Congregation] And also with you.

Please note the ☞ symbol means to stand.

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Also commonly called "communion." The Lord's supper is a sacrament whereby Christ being spiritual present in the supper, offers us his body and blood to nourish our faith. We feed on Christ as a participation in his death and resurrection, the sacrament being a means of grace builds us up in the faith. We welcome all who have been baptized and profess faith in Jesus Christ and who have been admitted to the table. If that doesn't describe you, we ask that you not participate. However, please come and speak to the pastor or elders if you desire to be baptized or participate in the Holy Supper.

Guest Preacher: Michael Goodlin, RUF Minister at Lehigh University.

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PRELUDE

WE ARE HERE TO WORSHIP GOD

APOSTOLIC GREETING

[Leader]: Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

[Congregation]: And also with you.

☞ CALL TO WORSHIP

From *Psalm 24:1-6*

[Leader]: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

*[Congregation]: **for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.***

[Leader]: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

*[Congregation]: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.***

[Leader]: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

...IN HIS PRESENCE

☞ PRAYERS OF AWE AND PRAISE (INVOCATION)

☞ HYMN OF PRAISE #604

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

CONFESSION OF SIN

Romans 1:18–23 (ESV)

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **20** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. **21** For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools, **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

EXHORTATION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

[Together]: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)

11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

The Steadfast Love

Words and Music by
Edith McNeill

$\text{♩} = 54$ CHORUS

E A E

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; His

3 A B F#m B

mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are new ev' - ry morn - ing.

6 G#m C#m F#m B C#m B/D# E A F#m B

new ev' - ry morn - ing. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O Lord! Great is Thy faith - ful -

1. E

10 -ness.

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...TO HIS GLORY

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIFTS

☞ DOXOLOGY #731

SCRIPTURE LESSON— Romans 9:17-23 (ESV)

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” **18** So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

19 You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” **20** But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” **21** Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? **22** What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **23** in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

[Leader]: The Word of the Lord!

[Congregation]: Thanks be to God!

☞ **HYMN OF PREPARATION 30**

OUR GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST *

* Children ages 4 – 7 may be dismissed for Children’s Church.

...UNDER HIS AUTHORITY

Sermon Series: *The Parables of Jesus: Short Stories, Long Remembered*

Sermon Title: *Treasuring God.*

Scripture: Exodus 14 (ESV)

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, **2** “Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. **3** For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, ‘They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.’ **4** And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.” And they did so.

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” **6** So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, **7** and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. **8** And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. **9** The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

10 When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. **11** They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? **12** Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” **13** And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. **14** The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

15 The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. **16** Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. **17** And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. **18** And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

19 Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, **20** coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. **22** And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. **23** The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. **24** And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, **25** clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." **27** So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. **28** The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. **29** But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. **31** Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

[Leader]: The Word of the Lord!

[Congregation]: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes:

How God Gets Glory

Reverend Michael Goodlin, *Minister RUF at Lehigh University*

Scripture: *Exodus 14:1-31*

His Mercy Is More

Words and Music by
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

♩ = 40

VERSE

G G/B C G D Em

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He
 (2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
 (3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His blood was the pay - ment; His

4 C D^{sus} G Am⁷ G/B C G/B C G/D

counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His
 call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His
 life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

9 1, 2. **TURNAROUND** 3.

D^{sus} D⁶ D^{sus} G G/B C G D Em C D^{sus} D^{sus} D⁶ D^{sus} G

mer - cy is more. 2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the
 mer - cy is more. 3. What

CHORUS

16 C G Em⁷ D^{sus} C G D^{sus} D D^{sus} C G

Lord, His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

21 D Em⁷ C G 1. D^{sus} G 2. D^{sus} G

new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (ESV)

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **25** In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.



HYMN OF RESPONSE #48

O LORD MOST HIGH WITH ALL MY HEART

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26 (ESV)

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

HELPS *for* FAMILY *and* PRIVATE READING

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

7/4	Psalms 33	Judges 3	Revelation 16
7/5	Psalms 34	Judges 4	Revelation 17
7/6	Psalms 35	Judges 5	Revelation 18
7/7	Psalms 36	Judges 6:1-35	Revelation 19
7/8	Psalms 37	Judges 6:36-7:25	Revelation 20
7/9	Psalms 38	Judges 8	Revelation 21
7/10	Psalms 39	Judges 9:1-21	Revelation 22

WEEKLY CATECHISM

Q. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.

Q. 56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

Announcements

Vacation Bible School

“Mystery Island” VBS on **July 12-16 (Mon thru Fri) at 5:45 to 8:15PM**. There will be a simple supper each night starting at 5:15PM.

SUMMER ALL-CHURCH PICNICS - 1:30 pm

Sunday, July 18 – David & Claudia Sharp

Sunday, August 22 – Missionary Retreat Fellowship

The host homes provide the gathering place and a grill (if possible). Folks bring their own meat, sandwiches, etc., a side dish or a dessert to share, and lawn chairs. Paper products and beverages are provided.

Nursery volunteers needed please see Marcia if you are interested in helping out by serving in the nursery. You must complete a background before you are eligible.

Adult Sunday School (All Ages Are Welcome) : Sundays, 9:25 AM at the Church, and streamed via Zoom.

Small Group Fellowship:

Barnes’ Small Group: This group meets the **second and fourth Tuesday** of each month **at 7:00 PM** at their home (See Bill or Beverly for directions). *A Survey of Church History (A.D. 100-2000)* by W. Robert Godfrey of Ligonier Ministries. Email williambarnes2@mac.com or call 410-227-8447. Mask please. Everyone is welcome.

Batzel/Schwartz Small Group: This group meets at **7:00 PM** on **Tuesday** as follows: **First and third Tuesday** at the **Schwartz** home in **West Pittston** (contact John @ 570-540-0224) **Second and fourth Tuesday** at the **Batzel** home in **Moscow** (contact Doug @ 570-947-6452). We are currently studying **2 Peter**. Mask please. All are welcome.

Men’s Ministry

Men’s Forum/Breakfast meets the **first Saturday** of each month at **9 am** at the church. Each quarter it will also be a breakfast. We are looking at the traits of biblical masculinity. Come, and bring your sons. Next meeting will meet **July 10th at 9 AM**.

Announcements

Hope Women

Women's Retreat on **September 24-26, 2021** at Kirby House. Registration is due to Lois by **June 27th** with a \$30 deposit. Space is limited so register early.

Sewing dates for Samaritan Purse dresses and bags: **June 12 at 10:00** at the church. Join us whether you can sew or not.

Study Groups -

PCA Women's Bible Study - Summer 2021. There are 2 groups gathering together at the church for this study starting **June 9**. One meets **Wednesdays at 10:00 am**, the other meets **Wednesdays at 6:30pm**. You are still able to join the study *What's SHE Doing Here? The Messy Women in Jesus's Genealogy*, written by Susan Tyner and produced by CDM. See Beverly Barnes for information on how to register and order a book.

Children & Youth Ministry:

Sunday school for children preK-6th grade meets during the Sunday school hour from 9:30-10:25 Sundays at the church.

~Soli Deo Gloria—To God Be the Glory~

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