



Hope Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:4

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:7-10

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

Invocation

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Invocation of the Light

Words: Traditional Benedictine prayer. Translated by the monks of Glenstal Abbey.

Music: Tripp Prince, Mike O'Brien (2013)

Glory to God who has shown us the light;

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Lead us from darkness to light;

Lead us from sorrow to joy;

Lead us from death into life;

Lead us.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-10

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

9 He said, “Go and tell this people:

“Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.”

10 Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world,
so much suffering through the ages,
wars and holocausts, genocide and abuse.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you love and care for us as a parent;
you came to share life with us as a brother.

But we confess we have failed to live as your children
and instead have broken many bonds.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you have called us to live together in community,
to consider one another as brother and sister,
regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or popularity.

Yet we prejudge one another,
refuse to love one another,
and victimize one another.

We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, giver of all life,
you fearfully and wonderfully made us

and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life.
Yet we endanger the lives of one another,
abuse the lives of young children among us,
destroy those who are defenseless,
and oppress those who are powerless.
We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

Pardon us through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-13

8 The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

9 He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.

10 He does not punish us for all our sins;
he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

11 For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

12 He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.

13 The Lord is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Doxology

Thomas Ken (1674).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Offering

Giving is part of our worship. God calls us to give generously, regularly, and joyfully to support the ministry of our local congregations. We do not give in order to earn God's blessing or favor. We give because he has already given us his blessing and favor in Christ. Financial offerings can be given in person or online at hopeportland.org/give.

Offertory

God is always at work in us and in our communities. Each week, this time is set aside for the sharing, or "offering", of our stories. Have you experienced an awareness of God's work in your life lately? What do you see God doing in and around the places you work and live?

Prayers for Christ's Church & World

Let us pray as our Savior has taught us. . .

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your 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 do not lead us into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one:

For yours is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

37 Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

“Lord, who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

40 “He has blinded their eyes

and hardened their hearts,

so they can neither see with their eyes,

nor understand with their hearts,

nor turn—and I would heal them.”

41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.

42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

44 Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

47 “If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.

49 For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me

commanded me to say all that I have spoken. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev Charlie Shaw

Seeing and Believing

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Communion

How should you participate?

All baptized Christians, who are looking to Jesus for life and salvation are invited to receive Communion. Everyone is invited to use this time to reflect on the message and meaning of this sacrament - that Jesus is God's person who has given his life for the life of the world.

How should our children participate?

To receive communion, children must be baptized Christians who are looking to Jesus for their life and salvation. In our tradition, we ask young children to make a profession of faith in Christ and be examined and confirmed by the church elders before receiving Communion.

Gluten-free crackers are on the table beside the bread. The cups contain grape juice.

Trinity Song

- Sandra McCracken, © 2016 Drink Your Tea Music

Holy Father, Son and Spirit;
Holy communion, three-in-one.

Come with your peace,
With your invitation.
Bind us together in holy love.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Mattlew Merker
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What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
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Christ our hope in life and death.*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Come Quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen!



Link to Worship Guide

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