



## HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Hope Episcopal Church  
Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania

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The Rev'd Nancy Leshner, Deacon

## WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, GriefShare, and regional youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at [office@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hopeepiscopal.org).

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit +Romans 15:13*

## THE SEASON OF PENTECOST *(also known as Ordinary time)*

The period between Pentecost and the beginning of Advent is called ordinary time. By contrast the period through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, the Great Triduum, and the Easter season ending on Pentecost is called extraordinary time. Extraordinary time is so designated because its chief purpose is to celebrate the specific historic, supernatural acts of God in history that result in the salvation of creatures and creation. Because this season emphasizes the church's daily and weekly walk with Christ, it should be a time to explore the meaning of Sunday as the Lord's Day and the day set apart for Christian congregations to worship. During Ordinary Time, we can help one another remember why Sunday is special and how we can commemorate it as a special day for individuals, families and Christian communities.

In the season after Pentecost, we celebrate what God does to empower us to live out the Gospel day to day and week to week in the context of our ordinary lives. The liturgical color for Season of Pentecost or Ordinary Time is green. During the Season after Pentecost, we focus on the life of the Church as it grows in the midst of the world. There are a few special days that we (in the Western church) mark in the season after Pentecost.

## CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

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# Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

## Morning Prayer

The symbol ☩ indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

### THE GATHERING

#### Introduction to Worship:

*Leader* "Astounding God: Your wisdom echoes across the centuries in Jesus, your Son. Through his life and ministry, your healing love and miraculous power are made plain among us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open our hearts to sense your grace at work as we worship. In the assurance of your never-failing presence; quicken in us the desire to serve you, our neighbors, and the world you so love."

#### Opening Sentence:

*Leader* Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 1:2*)

#### Prayer of Preparation:

*Leader* Loving God, we come to you in humility, seeking your presence.

*People* **We come with our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our fears.**

*Leader* You know the secrets of our hearts, and you understand our deepest needs.

*People* **Cleanse our thoughts and renew our spirits by your Holy Spirit.**

*Leader* As we gather in your name, make us aware of your presence among us.

*People* **Help us to lay aside all that distracts and burdens us,**

*Leader* that we may worship you in spirit and in truth.

*People* **Guide us in our prayers and in our praises,**

*Leader* that we may draw closer to you and be transformed by your love.

*People* **Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Verses 1-3)*

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Banc and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
 \*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of  
 2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 3 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that  
 5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 3 ra - dianc stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.  
 4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.  
 5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

*Psalm 51:1-13*

Lector: We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
     **in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
     **and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
     **and my sin is ever before me.**

- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
**and upright in your judgment.**
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
**a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a*

*Lector* A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

**W**hen the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 32

*The Song of New Creation*

*Refrain:: All* **I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**

- 1 'I am the Lord, your Holy One, ♦  
the Creator of Israel, your King.'
- 2 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, ♦  
a path in the mighty waters,
- 3 'Remember not the former things, ♦  
nor consider the things of old.
- 4 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; ♦  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
- 5 'I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, ♦  
to give drink to my chosen people,
- 6 'The people whom I formed for myself, ♦  
that they might declare my praise.'

*Isaiah 43.15,16,18,19,20c,21*

*All* **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*All* **I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**

*Lector* A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

**I** therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### ✠The Gospel

*John 6:24-35*

**T**he next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Sermon

The Rev Nancy Leshner

## Affirmation of Faith

*Leader* Let us declare our faith in God.

*People* We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## The Offertory

*Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:*

1. Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin
2. Text: “[AMOUNT]” to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, a link will be sent by return text to complete the donation.
3. Offering plate: cash or a check payable to “Hope Episcopal Church”. You may designate any ministry in the ‘memo’ line.

*Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church!  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*



## Hymn

#594 - “God of Grace and God of Glory”

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crowns thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

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of this hour.  
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 king - dom's goal.  
 whom we a - dore.

## The Prayers of the People

*The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Loving God, we come before you today with hearts full of hope and minds seeking your wisdom. In the quiet of this morning, we lift up our prayers to you, trusting in your boundless love and mercy.

We pray for the Church, your body on earth. Strengthen and guide our leaders, that they may shepherd your people with wisdom and grace. We ask for unity in diversity, that all Christians may be one in our mission to reflect your love and justice in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for our world, so often marred by conflict, injustice, and suffering. Bring peace to places torn apart by war and violence. Give courage and compassion to those who work for justice and reconciliation. Help us to be good stewards of your creation, protecting the earth and all its inhabitants.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for our communities, for our neighbors, friends, and families. Open our hearts to those in need, the lonely, the sick, and the bereaved. Give us the strength to support and care for one another, reflecting your love in our actions. We especially pray for those who are on our hearts today [pause to name individuals silently or aloud].

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for those in positions of authority and influence, that they may govern with integrity and seek the common good. Inspire them with a vision of justice and peace, that they may serve the people entrusted to their care with humility and wisdom.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for ourselves, gathered here in your name. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be strengthened to follow you more closely. Help us to discern your will for our lives and give us the courage to act upon it. Grant us the grace to forgive others as we have been forgiven and to love as we have been loved.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Finally, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life and for those who have gone before us in faith. Keep us ever mindful of your presence, and grant us the peace that surpasses all understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### ✠ **The Lord's Prayer**

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Officiant* As our Savior taught us, so we pray...

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

*Leader* The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 "I was grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am - found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Postlude

## Worship Servers August 4, 2024

Ushers - Tom Brown, Steve Norton

Lectors - Stephanie Seaman (Psalm), Lynette Brown (1st), Missy Gebhard (2nd)

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A parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania  
The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop, Episcopal  
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The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

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### Worship at Hope Church

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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