

HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+ *Hope Always* +



Hope Episcopal Church
Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania

July 21, 2023 10:00 AM

The Rev'd Bradley L. Mattson, Rector

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.

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.

To be added to our mailing list, please fill out a pew card, place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also fill this out online by using the QR code.



Ninth 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 We gather here today in the presence of God, as a community of faith, to worship, to pray, and to open our hearts to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Let us come together with joy and thanksgiving, ready to receive God's grace and to offer our praises.

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.**

Hymn

#388 - "O Worship The King, All Glorious Above"

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

The Liturgy of the Word

The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

Psalm 89:20-37

Lector: We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 20 I have found David my servant; *
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
 and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
 nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
 and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
 and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
 from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
 my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
- 27 I will make him my firstborn *
 and higher than the kings of the earth.
- 28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
 and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his line for ever *
 and his throne as the days of heaven."
- 30 "If his children forsake my law *
 and do not walk according to my judgments;
- 31 If they break my statutes *
 and do not keep my commandments;
- 32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
 and their iniquities with the lash;
- 33 But I will not take my love from him, *
 nor let my faithfulness prove false.
- 34 I will not break my covenant, *
 nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- 35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
 'I will not lie to David.
- 36 His line shall endure for ever *
 and his throne as the sun before me;
- 37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
 the abiding witness in the sky.' "

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.

Lector A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

The Benedictus, Luke 1:68-79

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” –a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

✠The Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

#398 - “I Sing The Mighty Power of God”

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I could be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

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.

Closing Hymn

#396 - Now Thank We All Our God



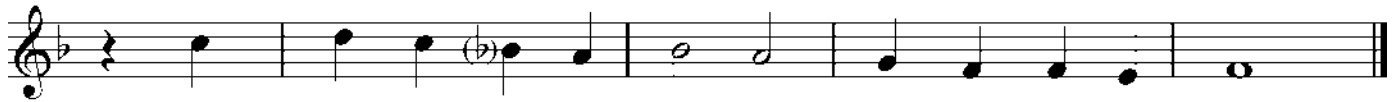
1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,



who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

Postlude

Worship Servers July 21, 2023

Ushers - Jim Burchik, Steve Norton

Lectors - Stephanie Seaman (Psalm), Damaris Perez-Roldan (1st), LeAnne Burchik (2nd)

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A Jubilee Parish

A parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop, Episcopal
Church in the United States of America
The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

Worship at Hope Church

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

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