

**Order of Worship**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
May 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

**Gathering Music**                      *Hymn Melody*                      arr. Adam O'Boyle

**Welcome**

**Prelude**                      *All Creatures of our God and King*                      Kirchengesang

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Come, all who would worship the risen Christ!

**Christ is among us and commissions the church to proclaim the Word.**

We are Christ's witnesses, called to serve in love and faith.

**We are the Church of our Lord today.**

**\*Hymn 610**                      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*                      Azmon

**Litany for Easter** (Responsive)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

**Risen Savior, we know the promise of your return. However, we have failed to notice that you are already at work.**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

**We have failed to take note of the signs of hope as we offer sanctuary and refuge for our neighbors in need, or when communities come together to welcome the strangers.**

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.

**We have failed to watch for opportunities that you are giving us to participate in the work of justice happening in communities, in peacemaking efforts, in rallies and protests, and in the hands of volunteers.**

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

**You are at work all around us but at times all we do is despair. We've focused on how hard it is, or the rejection we have faced, instead of seeing the work you are doing despite what the world says.**

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Litany for Easter** (Continued)

**Help us to shed our doubts and fears and cling to the living hope found in you, our resurrected Savior.**

For God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. Amen.

**Word and Wonder—A Time for Children**

**Scripture Lesson**                      Acts 16:6-15

**Sermon**                      Out of the Way                      Rev. Christie Ashton

**\*Hymn 307**                      *God of Grace and God of Glory*                      CWM Rhondda

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us ...

**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.**

**\*Hymn 295**                      *Go to the World!*                      Sine Nomine

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Grosser Gott Music*                      arr. Adam O'Boyle

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE

**Worship Leader This Sunday:** Tim Clutts and Mya Johnson  
**Worship Leader May 29:** Barbara Dennis

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#### *Go to the World!*

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP:** Hope Presbyterian Playschool just completed the 2021-22 school year, and we could not have done it without the support of the church. Thank you for your donations, attendance at events, and many prayers. We had our End-of-the-Year cookout Thursday night with about 100 in attendance from both the Playschool and the Church. Thanks to Tim Clutts for being our Master Griller and to everyone who contributed food and helped set up and clean up. The next school year begins on August 10<sup>th</sup>, and we will be expanding from 3 classrooms to 5 and expect to be at full capacity. We look forward to seeing our old friends again and meeting new ones.

**GIVING REMINDER:** A friendly reminder that the church's ministry continues year round and we have easy options for people to make their contributions. If you attend in person, there is an offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary. If you attend virtually or prefer other options for giving, you can give online through our Vanco Giving (at the link on our website) or ACH (automatic payments) made from your bank to the church on a scheduled basis. If you have any questions regarding these, please call the church office.