

**Order of Worship**  
**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
August 7, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

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

**Welcome**

**Prelude**                      *What Wondrous Love Is This*                      arr. Phillip Keveren

**Call to Worship** (Responsive)

We trust in God,  
**and so we hope in God.**  
We hope in our God,  
**and so we offer our hearts to God to be filled with love and grace.**  
Every time, we trust and we hope, we come to God,  
**and we find God waiting for us . . . every time. Let us worship God!!**

**Hymn 49**                      *The God of Abraham Praise*                      Leoni

**Call to Prayer**

**Prayer for Forgiveness** (Unison)

**We must admit, Loving God, that if faith is a trust which cannot be confirmed, it is easier not to trust. Or if faith is the gut feeling that hope is just around the corner, we prefer to keep our eyes closed. And surely, if faith is to be lived out in difficult moments, we often leave it behind at home.**

**Call us into your backyard, God of wonder, to point up to the stars and remind us that we cannot begin to imagine, or count, how many times you will forgive us. Give us the trust to have faith in you, the faith to hope in you, and the assurance you will surround us with the grace, hope, and wonder shared with us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

(Silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

**Assurance of God's Grace**

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

**Scripture Lesson**                      Hebrews 11:1 - 3, 8 - 16

**Sermon**                      From a Distance                      Rev. Christie Ashton

**Hymn 850**                      *In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*                      Divinum Mysterium

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)                      A Brief Statement of Faith  
**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**May the God of faith be with you!**

**May God be with you as well!**

**Let us open our hearts in trust.**

**God fills them with grace in every moment.**

**Join together in singing songs of thanksgiving.**

**We lift our voices in glad adoration to our God.**

**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.**

**The Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn 536**                      *Rose, O Church, like Christ Arisen*                      Kingdom

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Crown Him With Many Crowns (Diademata)*                      arr. Phillip Keveren

**Worship Leader This Sunday:** Angie Toles Wester  
**Worship Leader for August 14:** Brenda Brazier

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*Crown Him With Many Crowns (Diademata)*

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*In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*

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*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE

**Backpack Blessings Ministry:** We are delighted to resume our ministry to provide weekend food bags to students at Weatherly Elementary School who are on the free and reduced price lunch program. Each week, we provide bags containing breakfast and lunch/dinner items, snacks, and milk. We usually begin packing bags in late August, but we would like to start restocking our “pantry” now. All items should be **\*shelf stable and single serve/individually packaged.\*** Items needed are: shelf-stable milk boxes; granola/snack bars; breakfast bars (Nutrigrain, Belvita, Pop Tarts, etc.); shelf-stable pudding or jello cups; juice boxes; pull tab top ready to eat canned items (soups, beans and franks, etc.); individual microwavable mac and cheese; and fruit/applesauce cups. You can drop off all donations in the rear of the sanctuary under the cross. If you would prefer that we do the shopping or wish to sponsor the supplies we use (paper bags, labels), you can also make a donation to the church and write “Backpack Blessings” in the memo line. Weatherly Elementary and we are excited to partner together again to help serve our children.

**Playschool Job Search—Please Share!** Our Playschool ministry is growing! Hope Presbyterian Church is seeking two energetic and caring teachers for our dynamic Playschool ministry to lead a new class this school year. In addition to a degree in education or related child development area, or equivalent preschool teaching experience, the desired candidate will have an appreciation for Christian faith, excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, and display genuine care for children. Applicants must be able to work 16 – 20 hours per week, 10 months per year, with flexibility for growth, and have the ability to obtain a background check. The full job description and an application are available on the church website at [www.hopehuntsville.org](http://www.hopehuntsville.org) (click the Employment Opportunities tab). Interested parties should submit an application and/or resume to the church office or via email at [office@hopehuntsville.org](mailto:office@hopehuntsville.org). Hope Presbyterian Church is an equal opportunity employer.