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God Gathers — We Prepare

Preparation for Worship

“And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

- 1 Samuel 8:7

God Calls — We Praise

Call to Worship (Standing)

From Psalms 96

- Leader** Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to
day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works
among all the peoples!
- All** For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared
above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before
him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- Leader** Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord
glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in
the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!
- All** Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns... Let the heavens be
glad, and let the earth rejoice.”

Songs of Praise

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

All Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826; Music: John B. Dykes, 1860; Public Domain

"Crown Him With Many Crowns!"

All Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends His burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
and round His pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail
for Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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God Invites — We Confess

Community Confession of Sin (Be seated or kneel)

Psalter Hymnal, Grand Rapids: CRC Publications, 1987

Leader God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him, yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

All Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; And free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin (Silence is kept)

God Assures — We Give Thanks

Assurance of Pardon (Standing)

From Ephesians 2:4-6

Leader But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...

All ...by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Song of Assurance

"The Love of Christ is Rich and Free"

All The love of Christ is rich and free,
 Fixed on His own eternally.
 Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;
 Long as He lives His own He'll love.

 His loving heart engaged to be
 Their everlasting Surety,
 'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
 And love maintains it to the end.

Chorus:

 Love cannot from its post withdraw;
 Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law
 Can turn the Surety's heart away;
 He'll love His own to endless day.

 Love has redeemed His sheep with blood,
 And love will bring them safe to God.
 Love calls them all from death to life,
 And love will finish all their strife.

 He loves through every changing scene,
 Nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
 Not all the wanderings of her heart
 Can make His love for her depart.

Chorus

 At death, beyond the grave He'll love;
 In endless bliss, His own shall prove
 The blazing glory of that love
 Which never could from them remove,
 Which never could from them remove.

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We Bless Our Children

HopeKids

Honoring & Blessing our Children

Leader Jesus points to children, and says to all of us, “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

All Jesus says, “Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Leader I, your elder...

Parents We, your parents ...

All We, your church family ...

All We pray God’s continued blessing upon you. May you grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Children ages 5 - 5th grade are now dismissed to Children’s Sunday School!
Parents, please escort your children to their classroom at this time. They are also of course welcome to remain in the service if preferred as well!*

Christ as Prophet – The Word to Us

Scripture Reading (Standing)

1 Samuel 2:11-36

Reader ¹¹ Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli the priest.

¹² Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know the Lord. ¹³ The custom of the priests with the people was that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand, ¹⁴ and he would thrust it into the pan or kettle or cauldron or pot. All that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is what they did at Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. ¹⁵ Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give meat for the priest to roast, for he will not accept boiled meat from you but only raw." ¹⁶ And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first, and then take as much as you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now, and if not, I will take it by force." ¹⁷ Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the Lord, for the men treated the offering of the Lord with contempt.

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. ¹⁹ And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the Lord." So then they would return to their home.

²¹ Indeed the Lord visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the Lord.

²² Now Eli was very old, and he kept hearing all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who were serving at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ²³ And he said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people. ²⁴ No, my sons; it is no good report that I hear the people of the Lord spreading abroad. ²⁵ If someone sins against a man, God will mediate for him, but if someone sins

against the Lord, who can intercede for him?” But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for it was the will of the Lord to put them to death.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and also with man.

²⁷ And there came a man of God to Eli and said to him, “Thus says the Lord, ‘Did I indeed reveal myself to the house of your father when they were in Egypt subject to the house of Pharaoh?’ ²⁸ Did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? I gave to the house of your father all my offerings by fire from the people of Israel. ²⁹ Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded for my dwelling, and honor your sons above me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?’ ³⁰ Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, declares: ‘I promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before me forever,’ but now the Lord declares: ‘Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed. ³¹ Behold, the days are coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your father’s house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. ³² Then in distress you will look with envious eye on all the prosperity that shall be bestowed on Israel, and there shall not be an old man in your house forever. ³³ The only one of you whom I shall not cut off from my altar shall be spared to weep his eyes out to grieve his heart, and all the descendants of your house shall die by the sword of men. ³⁴ And this that shall come upon your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, shall be the sign to you: both of them shall die on the same day. ³⁵ And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed forever. ³⁶ And everyone who is left in your house shall come to implore him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread and shall say, ‘Please put me in one of the priests’ places, that I may eat a morsel of bread.’”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon (Be Seated)

Rev. Mark Skylling

Series: Longing for a King - 1 Samuel

Sermon: Bad, Better, Best: A Tale of Several Sons

I. Bad Sons

II. A Better Son

III. The Best Son

Christ as Priest – The Sacrament for Us

Profession of Faith (Standing)

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Leader (Q76): Which is the ninth commandment?

All **The ninth commandment is, *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.***

Leader (Q77): What is required in the ninth commandment?

All **The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.**

Leader (Q78): What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

All **The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor's, good name.**

Sharing Christ's Welcome

Prayer at the Table

Words of Institution

Approaching the Table

Instructions

Gluten free bread is available by request.

Tinted cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice.

Eat the bread when you come forward, and return to your seat with your full cup. We'll drink together.

Should you join the meal?

This is a "means of grace"—a method of encouragement from God, a sign and symbol for those who entrust themselves to Jesus Christ. It's not for perfect people, it's for broken people. It's for you if you affirm that because of your sins, you are worse and more messed up than you even realize; and yet you are more loved and accepted than you had ever dared hope—by God's mercy given through faith alone in the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for you.

Children

Should talk with a pastor about personal faith in Christ before taking the Lord's Supper. If your child has not been baptized or professed personal faith before a church community, they're still encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

If you're not joining the Supper

We don't want this to be an awkward time. You can come forward for prayer or a blessing. You can also remain seated and reflect on or pray about the service, including the guided prayers below. We're glad you're with us.

Guided Prayers

If you're searching for the Truth

"God, if you are there, I want to ask good questions and be teachable to receive reasonable answers. I want to feel permission to wrestle, doubt, and question, yet not be satisfied with remaining perpetually here. I need humility to be an honest appraiser of my own longings and struggles, and how sin might be active in these. If you're real, please meet me."

If you're struggling

"Jesus, please show me any misplaced longings in my heart. Enable me to look to you alone for contentment and for the rest my soul craves. Please give me faith to see you as one who has encountered the burden of my struggle, yet overcome temptation and restlessness as my champion."

If you're at a place of belief

"Lord, I admit the extent of my weakness and sinfulness, and the expanse of your lavish love and forgiveness. I believe you have accepted me because of the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you for this gift of grace. Thank you for paying my debt for sin and cleansing my heart through the gospel. By faith, I want to turn from my sin and receive Jesus as my Rescuer and Ruler."

Song of Celebration

"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

All What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Christ as King – The Lord Over Us

Coronation Anthem (Standing)

The Doxology

All Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken, c. 1674; Music attr. To Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Offering Our Prayers

- *For Hope Presbyterian Church... for our Men's, Women's and Children's Ministries, for our Community Groups, and for Hope's other ministries...*
- *For the lonely and for the discouraged....*
- *For the sick and the suffering...*
- *For the Lord to always keep before us the mission of His church, to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and to encourage and equip us for the mission.*
- *For those in our lives who have yet to entrust their lives to Jesus Christ.*

The Lord's Prayer

All 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 Trespases 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 forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts

*(If you'd like to make your offering online you can head to Hope's homepage:
www.hopebtown.org Head to the "Connect" heading, click on "Donate," and follow the prompts. We're grateful for your generous and sacrificial giving!)*

Vision Ahead

God Sends — We Enter our Mission

Song of Sending

"Before the Throne of God Above"

All Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Benediction

Based on Romans 15:13

Leader May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

About Hope

Announcements

Officer Nomination Window: January 1 - 31, 2022

The Session of Hope has created an officer nomination window for the offices of elder and deacon during the month of January. Any member of Hope is welcome to submit their nominations during that time (a link will be sent out for you to do so). Please be prayerfully considering who you would like to potentially serve as either an elder or a deacon here at Hope that meets the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Those nominated will be invited to participate in officer training, and will then be examined by the Session. Any candidates recommended by the Session will be put before the congregation to vote on later on in the year. Please be praying for the Lord to continue raising up/preparing/calling leaders to serve here at Hope!

Meals for the Fullbrights

To help welcome the Fullbrights back to Bloomington, Hope is providing them with a meal train! You can sign up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1d34m6>.

Movie Night at the Van Horns on January 28th!

Hope is having a movie night at the Van Horn's apartment on **Friday, Jan. 28th from 6:30 – 9pm!** There are some sofas and arm chairs for folks to sit on, but please consider bringing along your own chair if you don't mind and/or are able to as well. There will be some snacks provided. You are also welcome to bring a snack or drink to share as well. For any questions and/or to RSVP please call or text Austin at (812) 318-3299.

Weekly Wednesday Prayer

Hope's Weekly Wednesday Prayer Meetings will resume mid-January!

Adult Sunday School Class

Hope's Adult Sunday School Class meets from **9:15-10:00am!** Our current class is all about **Eschatology** and will be held upstairs in the room where the nursery is located. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mark Furnish (furnish64@earthlink.net).

Hope Ministries

Women's Ministry

The next studies will be held on **Monday, January 17th!** We will be studying and discussing two books (listed below) that will take us through Psalms over the course of the year. We will meet every other Monday, with a morning option (9:30am) and an evening option (7:30pm). Feel free to choose whichever works best for your schedule!

1. A Heart Set Free: A Journey to Hope through the Psalms of Lament by Christina Fox
2. Psalms: At His Feet Studies by Hope A Blanton and Christina B Gordon

If you plan on attending, please contact Kelie Baysinger (317-642-6746) with your name/time you plan to attend.

Men's Ministry

Hope's Men's Ministry Bible Study will be held every other Monday evening from **7:00- 8:30pm at 1600 S Weimer Rd.!** The next meeting will be on **Monday, January 24th.** The theme of the Study this year is "Conversations with God," with each week looking at a different conversation with God in the Bible. The Spring Semester will focus on the New Testament. Questions? Please contact Eric Stockdell (estockdell@gmail.com).

Men's Wednesday Morning Fellowship

You are invited to join Seth and others guys from Hope on Wednesday mornings starting at **6:00am at Cloverleaf Westside (4023 W 3rd St.)** for food and fellowship!

Reformed University Fellowship

Please contact Eric Whitley for additional details/info!

www.rufindiana.org | FB Group: RUF Indiana | Instagram: [@rufindiana](https://www.instagram.com/rufindiana)

Serving Spotlight

We encourage everyone at Hope to find ways to serve in the body. Here are some new opportunities to offer your time and energy in these vital areas of ministry:

Sunday morning Set-up/Sound/Hospitality: Unload the trailer, set up/tear down, then reload the trailer; help on the sound team! Questions? Reach out to Vivian at vivianfurnish@gmail.com

Nursery Teacher: Rotate to serve once-per-month caring for and managing our Sprouts! Questions? Reach out to children@hopebtown.org

Roots Teacher: Once-per-month caring for and teaching a lesson for our older kids! Questions? Reach out to children@hopebtown.org

Our Community Groups

Whether you've been at Hope for a little while or a long time, we encourage you to consider joining a community group!

East Side Community Group

Leaders: Skyllings

Meets: Every other Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30pm

Location: 1440 W Estate Dr.

West Side Community Group

Leaders: Seth and Kelie Baysinger

Meets: Sundays from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Location: Baysinger's Home & Furnish's Home

Finance Spotlight

2022 Internal Giving:

2022 External Giving:

Budget Year-To-Date:

Attendance Spotlight

Last Sunday:

Connecting with Hope

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1. Communicate regular church announcements through email.
2. Communicate emergency or last-minute info via email or text.
3. Communicate easily to different groups of people.

You can join Flocknote by texting "HopeBTown" to 844576 and then follow the prompts. That puts you in the church-wide group. You can then join subgroups (community groups, Bible studies, etc.) by talking to those groups' leaders.

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