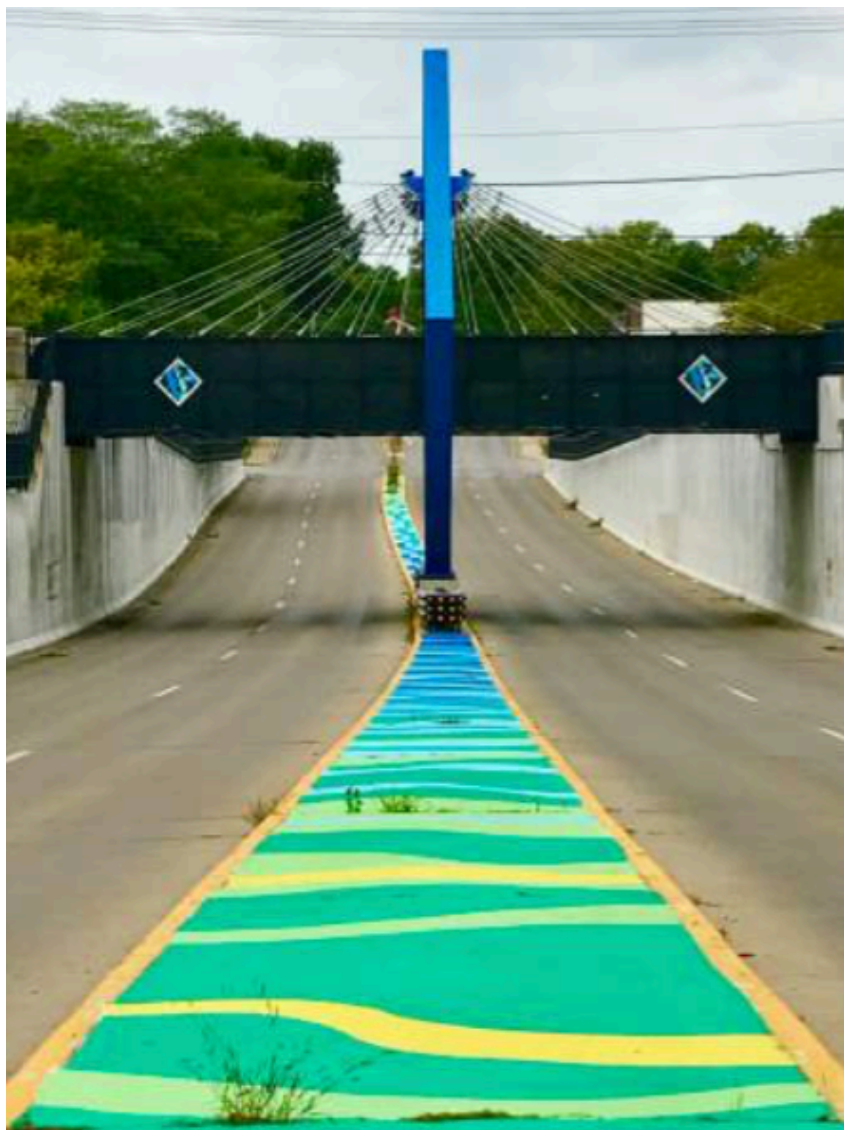


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God Gathers — We Prepare

Preparation for Worship

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

God Calls — We Praise

Call to Worship (Standing)

From Psalm 150

Leader Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

All Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Song of Praise

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

All Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy Faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

Words: Thomas Chisholm, 1923, on Lam 3:22-23; Music: William Runyan, 1923; Hope Publishing

Song of Praise

"Be Thou My Vision"

**All Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou with me dwelling and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Ancient Irish poem and melody, 8th cent; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; Public Domain, arr. Greg Johnson

Prayer of Adoration

God Invites — We Confess

Community Confession of Sin (Be seated or kneel)

Leader Gracious Father, your glory is more wonderful than we can fully comprehend, your holiness more glorious than anything on earth. Yet despite being created to worship you, our hearts have chased after and worshipped created things rather than you our creator. Your mercy finds us in dark places and redeems us, forming us into vessels of your grace and ambassadors of the glorious gospel.

All Forgive us for our sins. More than that, teach us to hate our sins as you sanctify us. Remove any lukewarm of indifference towards you in our hearts. Fill our lives instead with a deep passion for your glory and your kingdom. May our deepest hunger and longings be satisfied by you as only you can.

Personal Confession of Sin (Silence is kept)

God Assures — We Give Thanks

Assurance of Pardon (Standing)

From Psalm 103

Leader The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

All He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader For as high as the heavens are above the earth so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

All as far as the East is from the West, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Song of Assurance

"In Christ Alone"

All In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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 Peter 1: 3-9

Reader 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon (Be Seated)

Rev. Mark Skylling

Series: Beginnings and Endings

Sermon: Remembering that we are Born Again to a Living Hope

What does the passage teach us about the living hope Jesus offers us? How it helps us by:

I. Remembering the Past (v. 3)

II. Anticipating the Future (vv. 4-5)

III. Transforming the Present (vv. 6-9)

Christ as Priest – The Sacrament for Us

Profession of Faith (Standing)

Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God,
 the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

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

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

All **Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am,
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

Chorus:

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed,
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King;
Oh, the might! Oh, the fear! Oh, the mercy that's His
In the blood of His Son and the grace that it gives!**

**This spotless robe the same appears
When ruined nature sinks in years.
No age can change its glorious hue;
The robe of Christ is ever new.**

Chorus

**O let the dead now hear Thy voice;
Now bid Thy banished ones rejoice.
Their beauty this, their glorious dress:
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.**

Chorus (2x)

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. Amen.**

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

Offering Our Prayers

- *For Hope Presbyterian Church... for its ministries and for its people.*
- *For the Lord to provide for Hope during this season of transition.*
- *For Bloomington and Southern Indiana to see a movement of the Gospel where many churches are planted and many lives transformed by Jesus.*

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 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 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

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

All How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My guilt upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Words and Music: Stuart Townsend, 1995

Benediction

Based on Numbers 6:24-26

Leader May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

About Hope

Announcements

Meal Train for the Fullbrights!

We are so excited for the Fullbright family as they welcomed baby Sybil into the world on April 22nd! If you would like to help care for the Fullbrights as they adjust to being a family of four, we encourage you to consider signing up to bring a meal to them! A meal train link has been sent out via flock note.

Congregational Meeting Today

The Session of Hope has called for a congregational meeting today immediately following the service for the purpose of approving the resignation of Mark Skylling as Pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church. If you are a member please plan to attend this meeting, which should be relatively short/brief.

Moving Volunteers Needed!

Avery Rist is looking for volunteers to help her move on May 13th and 14th! If you are available to help, please sign up using the google doc that was sent out via flock note, or see Avery for more information!

Officer Candidate Recommendation

The Session of Hope is excited to announce that we are **recommending Bradley Fullbright to the congregation of Hope for the office of Ruling Elder!** Over the past few months, Bradley has participated in the officer training course, completed a written Biblical/theological exam, and been examined/interviewed by the Session prior to making our recommendation. In addition, **we have called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 19th immediately after the service** for the purpose of voting on whether or not to elect Bradley as a Ruling Elder. The BCO explains how there must be a period of at least 30 days between when officer candidates are presented to the congregation and when they are then voted on by the congregation. The purpose of this in part is to allow adequate time for people to ask questions of or voice any concerns they have to the Session about Bradley's candidacy.

Here's a little more about Bradley:

Bradley was born and raised in Northeast Tennessee. He first heard the life changing message of the gospel at a Younglife camp the summer prior to his senior year of high school. He met his wife Jordan while they were both Younglife leaders at rival high schools in Knoxville, Tennessee. Bradley and Jordan were married in 2018 and have been blessed with 2 wonderful daughters, Ruth and Sybil. The Fullbrights moved to Bloomington in 2020 so Bradley could begin his career as a hematology/oncology physician assistant. In his free time Bradley enjoys playing golf, spending time with his family, and cheering on the Tennessee Volunteers and Indianapolis Colts.



Hope Ministries

Women's Ministry

The next studies will be held on **Monday, May 9th!** This will be a fun hangout event at the Baysinger home to close out the studies as we break for the summer! If you plan on attending, please contact Kelie Baysinger (317-642-6746)!

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)

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: Skylling's

Meets: Every other Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30pm Location: 1440 W Estate Dr.

West Side Community Group

Leaders: Baysinger's

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

Location: Contact Seth (baysinger.seth@gmail.com)

Serving Spotlight

We encourage everyone at Hope to find ways to serve in the body. Here are a few:

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/Roots Teachers: Help care for the children of Hope on Sunday mornings! Questions? Reach out to children@hopebtown.org

Finance Spotlight

2021 Year To-Date Giving: \$38,179

Budget Year-To-Date: \$54,270

Attendance Spotlight

Last Sunday: 51

Connecting with Hope

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Homepage: www.hopebtown.org
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Hope uses Flocknote to communicate through email and text messaging. Your phone number and email address remain private. This allows us to:

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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