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God Gathers — We Prepare

Worship Theme: Jesus - Seeker and Savior of the Lost

Preparation for Worship

“From the time we know the Lord, and are bound to him by the cords of love and gratitude — the two chief points we should have in our view, I apprehend, are, to maintain communion with him in our own souls, and to glorify him in the sight of men.”

— John Newton

“The greatest cause in the world is joyfully rescuing people from hell, meeting their earthly needs, making them glad in God, and doing it with a kind, serious pleasure that makes Christ look like the Treasure he is.”

— John Piper

God Calls — We Praise

Call to Worship (Standing)

Psalm 63:1-4

Leader O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek You;

All My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary,
beholding Your power and glory.

All Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

Leader So I will bless You as long as I live;

All In Your name I will lift up my hands.

Song of Praise

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

All O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that foll’west all my way,
I yield my flick’ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain.
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust, life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Words: George Matheson, 1882; Music: Chris Miner, 1994

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy"

**All Come ye sinners poor and needy
Weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r**

Chorus

**I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh there are ten thousand charms**

**Come ye thirsty come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh**

Chorus

**Come ye weary heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all**

Chorus

**Lo The incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude**

Chorus

God Invites — We Confess

Community Confession of Sin (Be seated or kneel)

Psalm 119: 174-176

Leader I long for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight.
Let my soul live and praise You

All And let Your rules help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.

Personal Confession of Sin (Silence is kept)

God Assures — We Give Thanks

Assurance of Pardon (Standing)

Colossians 1:11-14

Leader [Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

All He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Song of Assurance

"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 sin 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

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 4 - 2nd 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)

Luke 15:1-32

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

3 So he told them this parable: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

11 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” 20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the

fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. 25 "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' 31 And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

Sermon (Be Seated)

Bob Clark

Series: J2J - Journey to Jerusalem

Title: "Parables For A Party"

Text: Luke 15:1-32

Topic: The Joy of Finding Repentance and Salvation in Christ

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Love of Jesus Demonstrates God's Willingness to Seek Lost Sinners

A. A Love Welcomed

B. A Love Criticized

2. The Love of Jesus Demonstrates God's Joyfulness to Save Lost Sinners

A. A Love Displayed with Great Celebration

B. A Love Explained with Grace Recognition

CONCLUSION:

Christ as Priest – The Sacrament for Us

Profession of Faith (Standing)

Leader Christian, what do you believe?

**All I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again
from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* The word "catholic" here refers to the general, universal church, not Roman Catholicism.

Sharing Christ's Welcome

Prayer at the Table

Words of Institution

Approaching the Table

Instructions

Gluten free bread is available.

Tinted cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice.

Take the bread and drink when you come forward, and return to your seat with both.

We'll commune 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

"The Gospel Song"

All Holy God in love became
Perfect Man to bear my blame
On the cross He took my sin
By His death I live again

(Repeat song 3x)

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Christ as King – The Lord Over Us

Coronation Anthem (Standing)

The Doxology

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Doxology

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Ps. 150:6

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDETH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551

Offering Our Prayers

- *For Hope Presbyterian Church... for its ministries and for its people.*
- *For Expectant Mothers: Emily Hamill (Aug)*
- *For our Pulpit Search Committee*
- *For our Men's Ministry*
- *For our Women's Ministry*
- *For our Children's Ministry*
- *For our RUF Ministry*

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!)

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

Vision Ahead

God Sends — We Enter our Mission

Song of Sending

"Amazing Grace"

All **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we've first begun.**

Benediction

Revelation 5:12,13b

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ...

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” Amen!

About Hope

Weekly Wednesday Prayer

Hope's Weekly Wednesday Prayer Meetings occur every Wednesday at the church at 7pm. We would love for you to join us!

Women's Bible Study

Due to some scheduling conflicts, the next Bible studies will be held on slightly different schedules...

- 9:30am at The Peach Home -- **Monday, March 20**
- 7:00pm at The Fullbright Home -- **Monday, March 27**
- Study 8 (Luke 17-19)

We are studying through an At His Feet study titled "The Servant King: A Study of the Gospel of Luke".

We'd love to have you join us! Please reach out to Kelie Baysinger if you have any questions!

Save the Date!!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Hope **Easter Picnic and Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 1. The picnic begins at 1 pm, followed by the Egg Hunt at 2 pm.

Hope Ministries

Women's Ministry

Hope Women's Bible Study meets every other Monday. See details in previous section!

Men's Wednesday Morning Fellowship

You are invited to join Seth and others guys from Hope every other Wednesday morning starting at 6:00am at Cloverleaf Westside (4023 W 3rd St.) for food and fellowship! Please text Seth if you plan to join.

Reformed University Fellowship

Please contact Eric Whitley for additional details/info! www.rufindiana.org
| FB Group: RUF Indiana | Instagram: @rufindiana

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: Set up/tear down; 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

Serving in the Nursery this week: *Jordan Fullbright, Nedra Clark*

Serving in Roots this week: *Elizabeth Barber*

Finance Spotlight

2023 Year To-Date Giving:

Budget Year-To-Date:

Attendance Spotlight

Last Sunday: 33

Connecting with Hope

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FlockNote: text "HopeBTown" to 84576, follow the prompts

About Flocknote:

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 84576 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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