



Hope Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:4

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 16:5-11

LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

Invocation

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:1-7

1 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lamp stands. 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place. 6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

The Worship Sourcebook

**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the
ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1:18-21

18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Doxology

Thomas Ken (1674).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Offering

Giving is part of our worship. God calls us to give generously, regularly, and joyfully to support the ministry of our local congregations. We do not give in order to earn God's blessing or favor. We give because he has already given us his blessing and favor in Christ. Financial offerings can be given in person or online at hopeportland.org/give.

Offertory

God is always at work in us and in our communities. Each week, this time is set aside for the sharing, or "offering", of our stories. Have you experienced an awareness of God's work in your life lately? What do you see God doing in and around the places you work and live?

Baptism

Today we celebrate the covenant baptism of Maeve AnnRose Shaw, the daughter of Charlie and Bekah Shaw.

God's Promises in Covenant Baptism

- “I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.” (Genesis 17:7, NLT).
- “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” (Acts 2:38-39, NLT)
- “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.” (Acts 16:31. NLT).

The Parents' Promises in Covenant Baptism

- Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the love of the Lord?

The Congregation's Promises in Covenant Baptism

- Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Pastoral Prayer

Let us pray as our Savior has taught us. . .

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your 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 do not lead us into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one:

For yours is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

55 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. 56 They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple courts they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the festival at all?" 57 But the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest him.

1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, 11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev Charlie Shaw

The Substance of Our Faith

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

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.

Communion

How should you participate?

All baptized Christians, who are looking to Jesus for life and salvation are invited to receive Communion. Everyone is invited to use this time to reflect on the message and meaning of this sacrament - that Jesus is God's person who has given his life for the life of the world.

How should our children participate?

To receive communion, children must be baptized Christians who are looking to Jesus for their life and salvation. In our tradition, we ask young children to make a profession of faith in Christ and be examined and confirmed by the church elders before receiving Communion.

Gluten-free crackers are on the table beside the bread. The cups contain grape juice.

Sing to Jesus

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Come and see; Look on this mystery;
The Lord of the universe nailed to a tree;
Christ our God spilling his holy blood;
Bowling in anguish his sacred head.

*Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame;
Lord of our sinful hearts;
He is our great Redeemer.
Sing to Jesus; honor his name;
Sing of his faithfulness;
Pouring his life out unto death.*

Come you weary and he will give you rest;
Come you who mourn; lay on his breast;
Christ who died, risen in paradise;
Giver of mercy, giver of life.

*Sing to Jesus, his is the throne;
Now and forever,
He is the King of heaven.
Sing to Jesus; we are his own;
Now and forever,
Sing for the love our God has shown.*

*Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame;
Lord of our sinful hearts;
He is our great Redeemer.
Sing to Jesus; honor his name;
Sing of his faithfulness;
Pouring his life out unto death.*

Christ is the Life of the World

Sandra McCracken [©2019 Drink Your Tea Music (ASCAP)]

In Christ we offer
all that he has offered,
the perfect offering.
Christ is the life of the world.
Christ is the life of the world.

So we remember
all that he remembered,
the whole of love returned.
Christ is the life of the world.
Christ is the life of the world.

Let us lift up, lift our hearts,
let us lift up, lift our hearts,
It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord.

Sent forth in beauty,
reconciling all things,
radiant in holiness.
Christ is the life of the world.
Christ is the life of the world.
Christ is the life of the world.

Benediction

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Come Quickly, Lord Jesus, Amen!



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