

**Hixson Presbyterian Church**  
**May 20, 2018**

**Prelude**

**Greetings**

Greg Baney

**Call to Worship** From Isaiah 40

**Prayer of Preparation & Confession**

**†Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above. (refrain)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. (refrain)

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,  
and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet. (refrain)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
and take His servants up to their eternal home. (refrain)

**Responsive Reading** from Psalm 107

**†Let the Nations Be Glad**

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy  
May redemption be the theme of our song  
For by grace we have been saved  
And by grace we shall proclaim  
To the corners of the earth that Christ has come

Chorus: Let the nations be glad  
Let the peoples rejoice  
For salvation belongs to our God  
Let the whole earth be filled  
With the praises of the Lord  
For salvation belongs to our God  
Let the nations be glad

Through the ages gone before  
Through the trial and the sword  
Many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died  
Still we're holding out the cross  
Crossing oceans, suffering loss  
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

As Your holy church goes forth  
In the Holy Spirit's power  
With the glories of the gospel to explain  
Now we pray Your kingdom come  
And we pray Your will be done  
For the honor and the glory of Your name

**†O Great God**

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.

You have loved and purchased me,  
make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son,  
gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
[You are worthy to be praised  
with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heav'n,  
glorify Your name through me.]

## Prayer of Intercession

### God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*\*Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the pew\**  
Children ages 4 & 5 are invited to Children's Church

### Offertory *Instrumental*

### Sermon

"Christ Among Us"  
Matthew 8:23-34

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### †O Church, Arise

O Church, arise, and put your armor on;  
hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war—to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
we know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which He died—  
an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away and  
Christ emerges from the grave,  
this victory march continues till the day  
ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
[As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in Glory.]

**Communion**

Bread in Unison *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*  
Cup Individually *Old Rugged Cross*

**Benediction****Postlude**

**\*\*Elders are available for prayer at the front of the sanctuary.**

**Why Do We Do That?**

## Greeting:

When we greet one another we follow in a tradition which began back in the early church. In many of the Apostle Paul's letters he begins with a greeting to those in the church (Rom.1:7; 1Cor.1:3; Gal.1:3; Eph.1:2; Phil.1:2; etc.). Greeting each other establishes that we are all on equal footing before the throne of God by welcoming fellow believers into a time of worship. This acknowledges the truth from Galatians 3:28, that in the church there is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Our time of greeting and announcement also informs us of many things God is doing in our midst and how we can further connect with Him, each other, and the community around us. From the very beginning of the service we realize that we are a part of something greater than our own individual lives. There is work to be done and we are the ones called to do it.

**Sermon Notes - Greg Baney**  
"Christ Among Us"  
Matthew 8:23-34

**Pont One: The Presence of Christ Sustains**

**Point Two: The Presence of Christ Delivers**

**Point Three: The Presence of Christ Offends**

## Announcements for the week May 20, 2018

- **Men of HPC:** We want your feedback on the Men's Ministry! Please fill out the 5-minute survey at the following link: <http://bit.ly/HPCMenSurvey>
- **Good Samaritan Fund:** As we celebrate the Lord's Supper today, the congregation is encouraged to be prepared to give a special offering in support of HPC's Good Samaritan Fund for the ministry of mercy. In this practical way we demonstrate our belief in the Communion of Saints, as these funds are used to assist Covenant family members and others who are in need.
- **Prayer Walk:** We meet every Tuesday morning from 8:30-9:30. The first Tuesday of each month we will meet inside to write cards to our church members who are sick or hurting. Please join us June 5th. All ladies are welcome. The *theme for this year's prayer walk is "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus"*. Please see Denise Jennings for more information.
- **Men of HPC:** We want your feedback on the Men's Ministry! Please fill out the 5-minute survey at the following link: <http://bit.ly/HPCMenSurvey>. The deadline to fill out the survey is Monday, May 21st.
- **Study for Women:** Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm, now through June 6 in room M-2. Ladies, please join us as we study, "Living Victoriously in Difficult Times" facilitated by Marica Swearingen. There will be no childcare for this study.

### Sunday School Coming Up this Summer...

**The Gospel of John** – June 3rd through August 12th "In the beginning was the Word..." The gospel of John has always been a rich study as many of the most familiar sayings of Christ are contained in the blessed pages of this gospel narrative.

This summer we will embark on an eleven-week study of the gospel of John as taught by Floyd Richardson. Please make plans to attend during the Sunday school hour (9:30 till 10:30 AM) in room M1.

**Women's Sunday School** – June 3rd through July 29th Gospel

Centered Life by Bob Thune and Will Walker will enable us to discuss and explore how the gospel is life changing. Lessons are self-contained with no homework. Women of HPC, come journey together with Carolyn Hays during the Sunday school hour (9:30 till 10:30 AM) in room M2.

**Three Generations Class (20s, 30s, 40s)** - Beginning June 3rd. This class will study the book, *Uncomfortable* by Brett McCracken and will be facilitated by Thomas DeMoss in the conference room.

### Summer Study for Women

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm, May 2 through June 6 in room M-2. Ladies, please join us as we study, "Living Victoriously in Difficult Times" facilitated by Marica Swearingen. The cost is \$8.00 to cover materials. There will be no childcare for this study.

### Church-wide Summer Picnic

Sunday, June 3rd at 12:30pm at our pavilion. Please bring your own blankets or chairs. We are asking each family to bring something to share that will feed 10-12 people. If your name begins in A - L, bring a vegetable or salad. If your name begins in M - Z, bring a dessert. If your dish needs to be warmed or refrigerated, bring it to the kitchen prior to church that morning and we will take care of getting it to the pavilion. Sign up using the tear-off.

### Summer Connection

**Wednesday Nights Beginning June 6 (6:30-7:45)**

**Led by Pastors Robert & Greg**

This is a great way to stay connected over the summer and dig deeper into the sermons. This Small Group will meet at the church for fellowship and to discuss the sermon from the preceding Sunday. A chance to dig deeper, talk about it and apply it in our lives.

Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, May 20**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

**Monday, May 21**

**Tuesday, May 22**

8:30 am Prayer Walk

**Wednesday, May 23**

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Summer Study for Women

**Thursday, May 24**

**Friday, May 25**

Contributions Report

<u>General:</u>	<b>May 13, 2018</b>	<u>Missions:</u>	<b>May 13, 2018</b>
Contributions	15,570.00	Contribution	1,295.00
Budget	15,200.00	Budget	1,876.00

<u>Month to Date</u>		<u>Month to Date</u>	
Contributions	30,722.00	Contributions	3,190.00
Budget	30,400.00	Budget	3,752.00

<b>Building Fund Weekly</b>	3,485	<b>Month to Date</b>	6,933
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	5,303	<b>Monthly Goal</b>	21,212