

Hopewell United Methodist Church

June 07, 2020

*We're glad to have the opportunity to worship with you today!*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**The Welcome Announcements**

**The Prelude**

*Grace Like Rain*

*Praise Team*

**The Call to Worship (Responsive)**

*Paraphrase of UMH 456 by Paraphrase, Cynthia Wilson*

Pastor: Great Spirit, Open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;

**All: Open our ears that we may hear their cries;**

Pastor: Open our hearts so that they need not be without succor;

**All: Let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,  
nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.**

Pastor: Show us where fear and prejudice blind us. Spirit of the Living God, open our eyes.

**All: OPEN OUR EYES!**

**The Songs of Praise**

*God of Wonders / Heart of Worship*

*Praise Team*

**The Morning Prayer (Unison)**

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**Creator God, Saving God, Comforter God,**

**Speak to us, we are listening,**

**Reveal to us, we are watching,**

**Teach us, our hearts are open,**

**Do it again, God!**

**Rush into the places where we are, re-create us, redeem us, Parent us...**

**In your name, our Three-in-One and One-in-Three God.**

**Amen!**

**The Song of Preparation**

*Maker in Whom We Live*

*Chris & JoEllen Borton*

**The Recognition of Graduates**

**The Prayer of Illumination (Unison)**

God of All Power, Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Help us to hear your voice, to see your ways, and to receive with joy your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## The Psalm of Centering

*Psalm 8 (UMH 743)*

**RESPONSE:** Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord,

**ALL:** How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Pastor: Your glory is chanted above the heavens by the mouth of babes and infants:

**ALL:** You have set up a defense against your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

**RESPONSE:** Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

Pastor: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

**ALL:** And mortals that you care for them?

Pastor: Yet you have made them little less than God,

**ALL:** And crowned them with glory and honor.

Pastor: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

**ALL:** You have put all things under their feet,

Pastor: All sheep and oxen,

**ALL:** And also the beasts of the field,

Pastor: The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

**ALL:** Whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord,

**ALL:** How majestic is your name in all the earth!

**RESPONSE:** Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

## The Reading of Scripture Lessons

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

*2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

### **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

1In the beginning when God created\* the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God\* swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the

waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, 'Let us make humankind\* in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,\* and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind\* in his image,  
in the image of God he created them,\*  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' <sup>29</sup>God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day

and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, \* farewell. \* Put things in order, listen to my appeal, \* agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of\* the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

### **The Reading of the Gospel Lesson**

*Matthew 28:16-20*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'\*

### **The Message**

*"Created, Redeemed, Sent"*

*Rev. Donald R. Brown, pastor*

### **The Prayer of Confession (UNISON)**

God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.

God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.

God of healing, God of wholeness, this precious moment in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole.

### **The Assurance and Pardon**

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**All: Amen!**

### **The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

... 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.

## The Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 Parting Song

*Joy of the Lord*

*Praise Team*

## The Benediction

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Fire at Epworth Children's Home**

A fire on the campus of Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, a ministry of the SC Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, destroyed a building that housed supplies for the children. Please visit our Facebook page to learn how you can help them recover.

### **Mid-Week Children's Chapel Online**

You are invited to join Pastor Don as he leads a mid-week chapel/story time for children and any who would like to watch via the church Facebook page using Facebook Live each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. If you do not have a Facebook account simply follow the directions on the church webpage.

**Note: We will continue Children's Chapel though the summer!**

### **In-Person Worship Begins NEXT Sunday!!!!**

Bishop Holston has set June 14<sup>th</sup> as the first date that United Methodists in SC can worship together in person. We at Hopewell will gather at the arbor on the front lawn at **9:30 a.m.**

**See all the details on the church website.**

***NOTE: For those who are not comfortable gathering in large groups are invited to continue worshipping online.***

### **Prayer Requests**

While we are worshipping online only you may easily submit prayer requests on the church website using the "Prayer" tab. [www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com](http://www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com). You may also call or text your prayer requests to Pastor Don directly at (864)630-0164

### **Tithes/Offerings**

Please plan to maintain, or increase, your normal level of giving during this time of uncertainty. Giving is a vital part of our worship and spiritual lives as well as a critical need of our church to maintain ministry requirements. Thank you for your dedicated efforts in this area! You may give in four (4) ways:

1. Online by clicking the button on the welcome page of our church website  
[www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com](http://www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com)
2. Mail your check to the church  
1420 Neely Ferry Road  
Simpsonville, SC 29680
3. Set up automated checking with your bank. Your bank can direct you how to do this.
4. Text keyword **hopewell** to **73256** and follow the link.

### **Online Bible Study**

**No Bible Study Group This Week. We will resume on Zoom on June 15<sup>th</sup>.** Here are the details...

Pastor Don is facilitating an online discussion on the **book of Ephesians** in the New Testament on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Each week we will discuss just one chapter. On June 15<sup>th</sup> we will discuss **chapter 5**. Register by clicking the button in the "announcements" page of the church website.

