

Hopewell United Methodist Church

June 14, 2020

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering Music

Karen Smith / Praise Team

The Welcome Announcements

The Prelude

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Chris and JoEllen Borton

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

The Call to Worship (Responsive)

From Center for Faith and Giving

Pastor: Our world is not what we hoped it would be.

People: But we boast in our sufferings...

Pastor: It feels like we have been in quarantine for years.

People: ...because suffering produces endurance...

Pastor: And yet we know God is with us, shaping us, molding us.

People: ...and endurance produces character...

Pastor: Even in our darkness, the light of Christ still shines.

People: ...and character produces hope...

Pastor: Christ has been with us. Christ is with us. Christ will be with us.

People: And hope does not disappoint.

The Songs of Praise

Joy of the Lord / Nothing but the Blood

Praise Team

Joy of the Lord

Though the tears may fall my song will rise, my song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail my song will rise, my song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs, , I will praise You Lord

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You
Though the waters rise I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart, I will praise You Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength; The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love, I will praise You Lord

How You shine with glory Lord of light, I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive, I am alive with You
There is strength when I say "I will praise You Lord"

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The joy of the Lord is my strength

When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield a - round me
Always You re-main my courage in the fight
I hear You call my name, Jesus I am coming
Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light

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Nothing but the Blood

What can wash a-way my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my Righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus

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The Morning Prayer (Unison)

From Center for Faith and Giving

**Ever-present God, you have called us to go and share your love with others.
But before we can do that, we need to be reminded of your presence and
your promises. We have inclined our ears and hearts to you, so speak to
us as we gather for worship, reminding us of our call to be your people.
Amen.**

The Psalm of Centering

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)

Response: O praise the Lord, who delivers your soul from death.
Pastor: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications,
And has inclined his ear to me whenever I called.

ALL: The snares of death encompassed me;
The pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Pastor: Then I called on the name of the Lord:

ALL: "O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!"

Response: O praise the Lord, who delivers your soul from death.

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
Our God is merciful.

ALL: The Lord preserves the simple;
When I was brought low, the Lord saved me.

Pastor: Return, O my soul, to your rest;

ALL: For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Pastor: For you have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

ALL: I walk before the Lord in the land of living.

Pastor: I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

ALL: I said in my consternation, "All humans are a vain hope."

Response: O praise the Lord, who delivers your soul from death.

Pastor: What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?

ALL: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

ALL: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

Pastor: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.
You have loosed my bonds.

ALL: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people,

ALL: In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Response: O praise the Lord, who delivers your soul from death.

The Song of Preparation for Baptism

Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.

The Reception of New Members and Baptism

Membership: *Mark & Whitney Crocco*
Baptism: *Charleston Lynne "Charlie" Crocco*
Sponsors: *Jan & Charlie Lathrop*

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor to New Members:

As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to Christ, through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

New Members:

We will.

RECEPTION INTO HOPEWELL UMC

Pastor to New Members:

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

New Members:

We will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Pastor to Congregation:

Members of the household of God, I commend *Mark and Whitney* to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Pastor to congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
We are initiated into Christ's holy church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
And given new birth through water and the Spirit.
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Lay Leader / Brian: It is my pleasure to present Charleston Lynne Crocco for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor to parents:

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world,
And repent of your sin?

Parents: We do.

Pastor to parents:

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression
In whatever forms they present themselves?

Parents: We do.

Pastor to parents:

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
Put your whole trust in his grace,
And promise to serve him as your Lord,
In union with the church which Christ has opened
To people of all ages, nations, and races?

Parents: We do.

Pastor to parents:

Will you nurture Charleston Lynne in Christ's holy church,
That by your teaching and example she may be guided
To accept God's grace for herself,
To profess her faith openly,
And to lead a Christian life?

Parents: I will.

Pastor to congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
Reaffirm both your rejection of sin
And your commitment to Christ?

ALL: We do.

Pastor to congregation:

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
And include The Crocco family in your care?

ALL: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround The Crocco family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**ALL: I believe 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, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
Is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: 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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

**ALL: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

ALL: Declare his works to the nations, His glory among all the people.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and Charleston Lynne as she receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness and throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

ALL: All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Pastor: Charleston Lynne Crocco, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Charleston Lynne, the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

***Congregational Pledge II** *(The people standing, if able)*

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Charleston Lynne Crocco, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

ALL: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Charleston Lynne, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Lay Leader / Brian: *Welcoming our newest members to the Hopewell Family!*

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 Reading of Scripture Lessons

Romans 5:1-8

Results of Justification

⁵Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

The Twelve Apostles

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Message

"Waffle House Gospel"

Rev. Donald R. Brown, pastor

The Prayer of Confession (UNISON)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

From the PCUSA Book of Common Worship Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1993; p. 88

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 Parting Song

God be with You till We Meet Again

Chris and JoEllen Borton

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

The Benediction

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!

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. 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
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

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 15th we will discuss **chapter 5**. Register by clicking the button in the "announcements" page of the church website.

