

The background features a stylized, light gray illustration of a plant with long, pointed leaves, possibly a palm or a similar tropical plant, set against a white background. The leaves are layered and overlap, creating a sense of depth and movement.

*Summer in*  
**PSALMS**

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COMMUNITY  
CHURCH

## Welcome

We believe that God uses our time in corporate worship to conform us. He is like a master craftsman and we are his work of art. God is the one who invites us to worship him and in doing so we commune with the Father in Christ through the power of His Holy Spirit. We find a specific flow of worship in Scripture so our liturgy is based on a pattern that has been followed throughout Scripture and church history. We see that God speaks and we respond.

**Remembering God's Presence**-God's grace initiates an invitation to worship. We remember that God is holy, glorious and it is by grace that we are invited into his presence.

**Remembering God's Grace** - Since we are ushered into God's holy presence, we are made aware of our sin. We are reminded that our sin is forgiven in Christ, so we approach our God as his children. So we can be honest with him about our failures and be assured of his mercy.

**Renewal in Christ as Prophet** - God speaks to us through the Word of God proclaimed. The Holy Spirit uses this time to convict, rebuke, and encourage. This is a divine encounter with the true and living God.

**Renewal in Christ as Priest** - In this meal we are strengthened and nourished by the Spirit of Christ. We commune with God himself and with one another. This is not a time for mere commemoration, but God is at work in our hearts as we partake.

**Renewal in Christ as King** - Christ the king sends us out to be a missional presence in the world. We are assured of his presence as we seek to live in our communities with Christ as our king.

This worship pattern is both biblical and spiritual formative. We invite you to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion.

We would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have. Be sure to stop by the Welcome table after the service or reach out to us at [hopecc.church](mailto:hopecc.church).

## Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you desire to learn more about the person and work of Jesus Christ?

Do you wonder why we, a beautiful and messy community, love and are so committed to a local church?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that you may have questions. That's why:

- We want to create a welcoming place where you feel comfortable coming with your questions and doubts.
- We seek to be a community where you can belong before you believe.
- We believe that God draws both the convinced and unconvinced to worship.
- We desire to listen to skeptics. We do not listen to respond, but we listen to hear the doubts and questions.
- We long to speak and show you how the love of Jesus Christ and a local church has changed us.

I would love to take you out to lunch and discuss with you how the gospel has changed my life and listen to your story and try to answer your questions. Please reach out to me @ [jc@hopecc.church](mailto:jc@hopecc.church).

# Remembering God's Presence

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## **CALL TO WORSHIP - REVELATION 22:17**

Minister: The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

Please stand.

**All: And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.**

The call to worship is a reminder that God is the great initiator. He is the one calling us into His presence

## **PASTORAL PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

## **SONG OF ADORATION**

### *BEHOLD OUR GOD*

MUSIC & WORDS BY: SOVEREIGN GRACE MUSIC

Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God, seated on his throne  
Come, let us adore him  
Behold our king, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach, the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on his throne  
Come, let us adore him  
Behold our king, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore him

Who has felt the nails upon his hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

Behold our God, seated on his throne  
Come, let us adore him  
Behold our king, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore him

You will reign forever (let Your glory fill the Earth) 4xs

Behold our God, seated on his throne  
Come, let us adore him  
Behold our king, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore him

Bold text is read together by the congregation.  
Plain text is read by the leader.  
Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

*NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD*  
MUSIC & WORDS BY: ROBERT LOWRY

What can wash away my sin  
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

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
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

# Remembering God's Grace

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Please be  
seated.

The call to  
repentance is  
an opportunity  
to remember  
God's grace and  
the goodness  
of the gospel as  
we confess our  
sins to Him.

## **CALL TO REPENTANCE - ISAIAH 1:16-17**

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

## **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**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.**

## *SILENT CONFESSION*

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS -ISAIAH 1:18**

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*BY THY MERCY*

MUSIC & WORDS BY: GREG THOMPSON & JAMES JOHN CUMMINS

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness,  
From the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness,  
From the pride that lurks within,

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses,  
In the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses,  
In each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling,  
In the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,  
In the day of health and peace.

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

In the weary hours of sickness,  
In the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness,  
When all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying,  
In the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on thee relying,  
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

# Receiving Christ as Prophet

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## **CHILDREN'S CLASS**

( At the parents' discretion, children up to 3rd grade may go to a class designed for them or remain in the service.)

Please be seated.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

God uses His  
Word to speak  
to us.

John 14:1-7

14 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Spirit uses  
His Word as a  
powerful means  
of nourishing  
and comforting  
God's people,  
and awakening  
people to new  
faith.

## SERMON

REV. J.C. BAYSINGER

### *LOOKING UP*

#### PSALM 27

1The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
2When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.  
3Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.  
4One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.  
5For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.  
6And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
7Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!  
8You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."  
9Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!  
10For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.  
11Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.  
12Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.  
13I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!  
14Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!



## Notes

### Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. How does it mean for God to be your salvation?
2. What does it look like to be heavenly minded?
3. How might looking forward to heaven help in the here and now?
4. What are some practices or habits that can draw your attention heavenward?
5. How does this Psalm point us to Jesus Christ?

# Receiving Christ as Priest

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## **CHILDREN'S CLASS/NURSERY**

(Parents are now excused to pick up their children and have them join us for the rest of worship.)

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

What do you believe about God?

**We all believe in our hearts  
and confess with our mouths  
that there is a single and simple  
spiritual being,  
whom we call God—  
eternal, incomprehensible,  
invisible, unchangeable,  
infinite, almighty;  
completely wise,  
just, and good,  
and the overflowing source of all good.  
—based on Belgic Confession, Art. 1**

## **PRAYER OF FAITH**

## **OFFERING**

All we have is given  
to us by God. Our  
offerings express this  
joyful dependance  
and our commitment  
to join God in his  
work of renewal.

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### *BE THOU MY VISION*

TRANSLATOR: MARY E. BYRNE; VERSIFIER: ELEANOR H. HULL

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

# Receiving Christ as King

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Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

## **SURSUM CODA**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **PRAYER FOR THE SACRAMENT**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

### **INVITATION**

Minister: These are the Gifts of God, for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

( Directions for taking communion are on pages 14-15 )

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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Sursum Corda is Latin for “lift up your hearts.” One of the oldest liturgical pieces still in use, it calls us to be heavenly-minded and summons us into the Lord’s presence. Along with the voices around you, hear the echo of 2,000 years of worshipping Christians who have gone before.

Communion (i.e., the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist) is a covenant renewal meal instituted by Jesus the night before his crucifixion. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of the King, but also, when we receive it in faith, it is true fellowship with King Jesus, in his presence and at his table, and real communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a symbol of our bond of love as fellow Christians.

**SONG OF BLESSING**

*BEHOLD OUR GOD*

MUSIC & WORDS BY: SOVEREIGN GRACE MUSIC

Behold our God, seated on his throne  
Come, let us adore him  
Behold our king, nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore him

**BENEDICTION**

May the God of peace be with you all.

**THE DISMISSAL**

Minister: Go in Peace

Just as we  
begin with with  
God's gracious  
invitation, so  
we end with  
God's promise  
to always be  
with us.

It is appropriate  
to lift our heads  
as a symbol that  
through Christ  
God graciously  
lifts our head,  
and we hold out  
our hands palms  
up to symbolize  
our need and  
eagerness to  
receive God's  
blessing.

## NEXT AT HOPE

### COMMUNITY GROUPS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

#### **GILBERT-TUESDAY 9/5/23, 7:00-8:15 PM**

The Baysingers  
7560 S Peppertree Dr.  
Gilbert, 85298  
Code: 0131

#### **FLORENCE -TUESDAY 9/5/23 7:00-8:15 PM**

The Tompkins  
10741 E Marigold Ct,  
Florence, 85132

#### **QUEEN CREEK-TUESDAY 9/12/23**

**7:00-8:15 PM**

The Tauntons  
39183 N Hailey Ln.  
San Tan Valley, 85140

To stay up to date on all our activities or add your name and contact information, sign-up with church center at [faithhopelove.churchcenter.com](http://faithhopelove.churchcenter.com)

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## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### *Directions for taking communion:*

Hope Community Church welcomes all baptized believers who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper to eat with us. Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. Our bread is gluten free.

### *When and how to come forward for communion:*

Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements please wait till all have been served and we will partake together.

### *A Word to Parents:*

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member at Hope Community Church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how the process works, please contact Pastor J.C. Send him an email at [jc@hopecc.church](mailto:jc@hopecc.church)

Children may take the wine at their parents' discretion.



**PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING**

(Hope Community Church is not only for those who are committed followers of Jesus Christ, but also for those who are curious, skeptical, unsure, etc. Our desire is for you to feel that you belong, even if you are unsure if you believe that Jesus is Lord.)

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH**

Lord, I am restless, and I am unsure why. I have desires that have no explanation. I am thirsty, but nothing seems to satisfy. I am hungry, but I can never get enough. I am restless. Please help me to understand and trust that you are my rest. Reveal yourself to me and show me that you are the way, the truth, and the life. I am restless, help me to find my rest in you.

**PRAYERS OF BELIEF**

Lord, I am convicted that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. Forgive me for sinning against you in thought, word, and deed. Enable me to turn from trusting in my own efforts to trusting in you. Thank you for taking the punishment my sins deserved on the cross and by giving me new life in Christ, forgiveness of sins, and a righteousness that is not my own. Just as you raised Jesus Christ from the dead, I ask that you give me new life in him. Empower me to love you with my heart, soul, mind, and strength and my neighbor as myself. Help me to follow you in baptism and live as a committed disciple to you by faith in the power of your Spirit.

**Prayer Request and Comments**

We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Day      Evening

*Please hand this card in to at the welcome table.*

## *We Are Glad You Are Here Today!*

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help you in any way we can. Feel free to fill out the tear-off card below to let us know what information would be helpful. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or leader. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with a pastor to help you learn more about HCC. We are here to serve you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

### *Please Let Us Know If You Are:*

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

### *Please Contact Me About:*

Joining a Community Group

Membership at Hope

Meeting with a Pastor

Getting Involved

## Hope Community Church

**Our Vision:** At Hope Community Church we are a worshipping community of believers in Jesus Christ who are committed to developing our faith in him, depending on the hope he offers in the gospel, and deepening our love for Him and our neighbors.

Developing Faith-Everybody expresses faith to some degree. The question is, where is that faith directed? Are you banking on yourself, your family, science, the good of humanity, or are you ultimately depending on Christ? The beauty of the gospel is that when we begin to trust in Jesus, everything changes. We believe living by faith means moving into a realm whereby we are uncertain of ourselves but more confident of God and his faithfulness. As our faith increases, we become more like Christ as we seek to follow him.

Depending on Hope-As we express faith in Christ, we also depend on hope in the gospel. One Christian thinker puts it this way, "all hope must rest on something, but the key question is whether God and his scriptural promises are that foundation on which we find refuge by the power of the Spirit." One of the purposes of our church is to point people to the true source of hope, Jesus Christ.

Deepening in Love- As we develop our faith and depend on hope, our love for God and one another will increase. Our motive for loving others, not only those like us, but those who are radically different than us, is to glorify God in obedience to the gospel.

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