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COMMUNITY  
CHURCH

FAITH.  
*faith*

HOPE.  
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LOVE.  
*love*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER, 24TH, 2023

## 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 [hopec.church](mailto:hopec.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@hopec.church](mailto:jc@hopec.church).

# Remembering God's Presence

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## **CALL TO WORSHIP - REVELATION 4:8; 5:13**

Minister: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

**People: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

Please stand.

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

## **SONG OF ADORATION**

*O, CHURCH ARISE*

MUSIC & WORDS BY: KEITH & KRISTYN GETT

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 every 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  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every 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

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.

*CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH*

MUSIC & WORDS BY: RKEITH & KRISTYN GETTY, MATT BOSWELL, AND MATT PAPA

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 will 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

# 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 - PSALM 2:10-12**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

## **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**God of love, in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done,  
we have sinned in ignorance;  
we have sinned in weakness;  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us and renew our lives  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION*

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - REVELATION 1:17-18**

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**SONG OF ASSURANCE**

*AND CAN IT BE, THAT I SHOULD GAIN?*  
MUSIC & WORDS BY: CHARLES WESLEY

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood  
Died He for me, who caused His pain  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee

Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine  
Alive in Him, my living Head  
And clothed in righteousness divine  
Bold I approach the eternal throne  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

# 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.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

God uses His  
Word to speak  
to us.

Isaiah 66:18-20

18 “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, 19 and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. 20 And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.

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

### *A PLACE FOR MISSION*

MATTHEW 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



## Notes

### Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. What is the mission of the church?
2. Why is it difficult to share your faith?
3. Who is one person you can be praying for? Take some time this week to pray for that one person.
4. How would you explain the gospel to this person if they were to ask?
5. What is one thing you can do to be a witness for 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**

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.

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

*—from Colossians 1:15-20, NRSV*

## **PRAYER OF FAITH**

## **OFFERING**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

MUSIC & WORDS BY: MARTIN LUTHER

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

And tho' this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph thru us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thru Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

# Receiving Christ as King

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## **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**

*YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN*  
MUSIC & WORDS BY: THE PORTER'S GATE

Your labor is not in vain  
Though the ground underneath you  
Is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown  
Though the rocks they cry out  
And the sea it may groan  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But your labor is not unknown

Chorus:  
For I am with you I am with you  
I am with you I am with you  
For I have called you  
Called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last be made new  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

Chorus

The houses you labored to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed  
And all that is broken be healed

Chorus 2xs

**BENEDICTION**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**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 GROUP - QUEEN CREEK TUESDAY 9/26/23, 7:00-8:15 PM

The Baysingers  
21058 E. Stirrup St.  
Queen Creek, 85142

### VOLUNTEER FOR KMBE'S FALL FESTIVAL FRIDAY 10/20/23, 5-7 PM

Volunteer for the Fall Festival this year @ KMBE. Let me know if you are interested.

<u>Aug. 2023</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Internal Giving	\$ 15,417	\$ 11,300	\$-4,177
Expenses	\$18,982	\$ 18,270	\$712

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:

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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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