

**H | O**  
**P | E** **COMMUNITY**  
**CHURCH**

**FAITH.**  
*faith*

**HOPE.**  
*hope*

**LOVE.**  
*love*

Sunday April, 21st, 2024

## 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 and 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 [info@hopecc.church](mailto:info@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, 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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Please stand.

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

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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 53:6 & 52:9

Minister: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
When God restores the fortunes of his people,  
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad

**People: I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for  
your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.**

## SONG OF ADORATION

### *OUR GREAT GOD*

WORDS & MUSIC: MAC POWELL AND FERNANDO ORTEGA

Eternal God, unchanging  
Mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing  
In grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight  
Around Your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night  
In praise to You alone

(Chorus)

Hallelujah

Glory be to our great God

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Lord, we are weak and frail  
Helpless in the storm  
Surround us with Your angels  
Fold us in Your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy  
His pleasure is our harm  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee  
Before our sovereign God

Chorus

Let every creature in the sea  
And every flying bird  
Let every mountain, every field  
And valley of the Earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars  
In all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God  
Who rules them by His word

Chorus

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### *AND CAN IT BE?*

Words & Music: Charles Wesley and Thomas Campbell

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest 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?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself in selfless love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out 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.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

# Remembering God's Grace

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## CALL TO REPENTANCE

Please be  
seated.

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

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.

## PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

### *O CHURCH ARISE*

WORDS & MUSIC: KEITH AND KRISTYN GETTY

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 vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart will 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

# Receiving Christ as Prophet

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## **CHILDREN'S CLASS**

Please be seated.

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

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 43:3-6

God uses His Word to  
speak to us.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth,

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

### Living as the Body of Christ

#### Romans 12:3-8

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.



## Notes

### Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. How does a proper understanding of the gospel help us to think with sober judgment?
2. Are you more prone to think more highly of yourself or to think too lowly?
3. How does the imagery of the church being the “body” help us understand the importance of connection with one another?
4. What is Paul's main point in vs. 6?
5. How might your gift(s) be used to strengthen the body?

# 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.)

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.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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

### *THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION*

WORDS & MUSIC: SAMUEL STONE AND SAMUEL WESLEY

The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till, with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee.

## **SURSUM CORDA**

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,

# Receiving Christ as King

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## **SONG OF BLESSING**

### *DOXOLOGY*

WORDS & MUSIC: THOMAS KEN AND OLD 100TH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

## **BENEDICTION**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Minister: Go in Peace

## NEXT AT HOPE

### **Queen Creek Community Group**

Tuesday 04/23/24, 7:00-8:15 pm  
The Tauntons  
39183 N Hailey Ln.  
San Tan Valley, 85140  
Gate Code: #0930

Please enter at the Meridian and Via Del Jardin gate.

### **Florence Community Group**

Tuesday 04/30/24, 7:00-8:15 pm  
The Thompkins  
10741 E Marigold Ct.  
Florence, 85132

### **Gilbert Community Group**

Tuesday 04/30/24, 7:00-8:15 pm  
The Baysingers  
7560 S Peppertree Dr.  
Gilbert, 85298  
Code: 0131

### **End of the School Year Swim Party**

Sunday 06/02/24, After Worship  
Ira A. Fulton Swim Center  
41680 N. Barnes Parkway  
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 questions 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 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 Requests 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 concerns. Please contact me at:

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Day      Evening

Please hand this card in 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 and return it to the welcome table. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with our pastor to help you learn more about HCC. We are here to serve you.

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

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

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

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

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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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