HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday September, 8th, 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.

# 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.

# Remembering God's Presence

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 - 2 Chronicles 29:31; Psalm 43:4**

Minister: You have consecrated yourselves to the Lord. Come near with a willing heart; bring your worship and offerings to the house of the Lord.

**People: I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**

**SONG OF ADORATION**

ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS
SONGWRITERS: THE PORTER'S GATE

If You don't build it, we labor in vain
Without Your Spirit, we stand with no strength
I know my life is passing away
But the works of Your hands are what will remain

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us
O Lord, establish the work of our hands
O Lord, establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise
Teach us to run, to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us
O Lord, establish the work of our hands
O Lord, establish the work of our hands

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

# ISAIAH 43

SONGWRITERS:AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

When you pass through the waters
I will be with you
And the waves will not overcome you
Do not fear for I have redeemed you
I have called you by name
You are mine

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire
You'll not be burned
And the flames will not consume you
Do not fear for I have redeemed you
I have called you by name
You are mine

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God (I am)
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)

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**

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

**PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**Almighty and most merciful father,**
**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,**
**we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,**
**we have offended against thy 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.**
**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,**
**spare thou those who confess their faults,**
**restore thou those who are penitent,**
**according to thy promises declared unto mankind**
**in Christ Jesus our Lord;**
**and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,**
**that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,**
**to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - Jeremiah 31:33-34**

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

SONG OF ASSURANCE

## BE THOU MY VISION

Songwriters: Eleanor H. Hull; Translator: Mary E. Byrne

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, and 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, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Please be seated.

**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.)

God uses His Word to speak to us.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 2:1-4

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
2 It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
3 and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

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**

## What Time is It?

Romans 13:11-14

**11** Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. **12** The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. **13** Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Notes

Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. What does Paul mean by “the hour has come for you to wake from sleep”?
2. As Christians, why does Paul seem to speak of Christ’s imminent return?
3. How would you go about “casting off works of darkness”?
4. Why is Paul calling Christians to avoid the sins listed in v. 13?
5. What are some ways you are called to put on Christ?

**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**
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**
**and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried;**
**he descended to hell.**
**The third day he rose again from the dead.**
**He ascended to heaven**
**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**
**From there he will come to judge the living 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**
- Apostles' Creed

**PRAYER OF FAITH**

**OFFERING**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH
SONGWRITERS:Matt Papa, Keith & Kristyn Getty

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

Chorus:
Oh, sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
Oh, 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

Chorus:

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

Chorus:

**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 ACCLAMATIO**N

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.**

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 worshiping 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,

**SONG OF BLESSING**

DOXOLOGY
SONGWRITERS: THOMAS KEN

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

Amen

**BENEDICTION**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Minister: Go in Peace.

NEXT AT HOPE

**Community Group - Gilbert**
Tuesday, 9/10/2024, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
The Baysingers
7560 S. Peppertree Ln.
Gilbert, AZ 85298

**Community Group - Florence**
Tuesday, 9/10/2024, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
The Tompkins
10741 E Marigold Ct,
Florence, AZ 85132

**Community Group - Queen Creek**
Tuesday, 9/17/2024, 7:00 - 8:15 pm
The Tauntons
39183 N Hailey Ln.
San Tan Valley, 85140
Gate Code: #093

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

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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

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:

(_____)_____

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 worshiping 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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