HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday October, 27th, 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 - Psalm 99:1,3,5**

Minister: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

**People: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**

**SONG OF ADORATION**

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Songwriters: St. Francis of Assisi, tr. by William Henry Draper; Add. words (v. 3-4) by Jonathan & Ryan Baird. 16th Century German tune

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

# LESSER LOVES

Songwriters: Trenton Dabbs, Kate York, Isaac Wardell

I was a prisoner; You held the key
the door was opened; You welcomed me
Oh I was guilty of every crime
but you took my place and you did my time

How can I thank you, Lord?
My broken heart, You have restored.
How can I thank you, Lord?
You give me grace I cannot afford.

I was an enemy but You made me a guest
You spread a table in the wilderness
Beside the waters, You filled my cup
O how I have settled for lesser loves

How can I thank you, Lord?
My broken heart, You have restored.
How can I thank you, Lord?
You give me grace I cannot afford.

I was an orphan, but You called me "child"
I was a stranger; I was lost and defiled,
Redemption found me from up above
O how I had settled for lesser loves.

How can I thank you, Lord?
My broken heart, You have restored.
How can I thank you, Lord?
You give me grace I cannot afford.

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**

**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 - Titus 3:3-7**

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Songwriters: Martin Luther, Tr. Frederic Hedge

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
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through 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 powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through 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!

**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**

God uses His Word to speak to us.

Psalm 138:1-8

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
2 I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
3 On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.
4 All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
5 and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.
8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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.

## The Goodness of the Church

Romans 15:22-33

22 This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. 23 But
now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have
longed for many years to come to you, 24 I hope to see you in passing as I go to
Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your
company for a while. 25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid
to the saints. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some
contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. 27 For they were pleased
to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in
their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material
blessings. 28 When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them
what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. 29 I know that when I
come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.
30 I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit,
to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, 31 that I may be
delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may
be acceptable to the saints, 32 so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and
be refreshed in your company. 33 May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Notes

Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. How does Paul's request point to the expectation of hospitality for Christians?
2. What was the theological significance of taking up the collection for Jerusalem?
3. What does it look like to strive together in prayer?
4. What does it mean to pray according to God's will?
5. How can we point people to the "God of peace"?

**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.

**God—the great creator of all things—**
**upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things,**
**from the greatest even to the least.**
**He exercises this most wise and holy providence**
**according to his infallible foreknowledge**
**and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will,**
**to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power,**
**justice, goodness, and mercy.**
—from Westminster Confession (MESV), Chap. V, Sec. 1

**WELCOME INTO MEMBERSHIP**

Kevin and Shelley Warren

**PRAYER OF FAITH**

**OFFERING**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

JESUS, I COME

Songwriters: William Sleeper; Greg Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earths sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of lifes storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to 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 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: Anonymous

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.
Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Minister: Go in Peace.

NEXT AT HOPE

**Community Group - Queen Creek**
Tuesday, 10/29/2024, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
The Tauntons
39183 N. Hailey Ln.
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140
Gate Code: #0930

**Community Group - Gilbert**
Tuesday, 11/05/2024, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
The Baysingers
7560 S. Peppertree Ln.
Gilbert, AZ 85298
Code: 0131#

**Community Group - Florence**
Tuesday, 11/05/2024, from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
The Tompkins
10741 E. Marigold Ct.
Florence, AZ 85132

| YTD | Budgeted | Actual | Difference |
|---|---|---|---|
| Internal Giving | $48,750 | $40,978 | -$7,772 |
| Expenses | $58,390 | $51,998 | -$6,392 |

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

STAFF
J.C. Baysinger | Pastor |jc@hopecc.church

CONTACT
www.hopecc.church
480-269-4517

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.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

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: _____

_____

_____

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 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.

STAFF

J.C. Baysinger | Pastor |jc@hopecc.church

CONTACT

www.hopecc.church
480-269-4517