HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday May 25th, 2025

# 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 - Isaiah 52:9-10, Psalm 27:13**

Minister: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**All: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!**

**SONG OF ADORATION**

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Songwriters: Charles Wesley;

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Glory to God and praise and love
Be ever ever given
By Saints below and Saints above
The church in earth in heaven

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

IT IS FINISHED
Songwriters: Brian Eichelberger; Dustin Krensue

There's no deed that can redeem us
There's no rite, no magic word
Only by the work of Jesus
Can salvation be secured

(Chorus)
It is finished! He has done it!
Let your weary heart rejoice
Our redemption is accomplished
Raise a shout with ragged voice
And go bravely into battle
Knowing he has won the war
It is finished, lift your head
And weep no more

There's no sacrifice to offer
There's no penance to complete
Freely drink of living water
Without money come and feast

Chorus

Let every sinner rejoice
Hear the dying victor's cry
Raise up your voice
Sing it out through earth and sky

Chorus

# Remembering God's Grace

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**

**Eternal and merciful God,**
**you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,**
**and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.**
**Yet we have strayed from your way;**
**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**
**through what we have done and what we have left undone.**
**As we remember the lavish gift of your grace**
**symbolized in baptism, O God,**
**we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.**
**Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,**
**and to rise daily to new life in Christ,**
**who lives and reigns with you,**
**and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - 1 Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**SONG OF ASSURANCE**

WE ARE NOT OVERCOME
Songwriters: Bifrost Arts

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal; the earth will shake
Night will fall; the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

Because of His great love
We are not overcome
Because of His great love
We are not overcome

Have no fear for your life
Turn your cheek; turn your cheek
Bear the yoke. Love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

Because of His great love
We are not overcome
Because of His great love
We are not overcome

Please be seated.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Ezekiel 36:22-27

God uses His Word to speak to us.

22 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for
your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy
name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. 23 And I
will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among
the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will
know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate
my holiness before their eyes. 24 I will take you from the nations and gather you
from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean
water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all
your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit
I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and
give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to
walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
**People: Thanks be to God**.

SERMON Rev. J.C. Baysinger

**Our Advocate in a Hostile World**

**John 16:5-11**

5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Notes

**Faith Seeking Understanding:**

1. What does it mean when Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as 'another Helper'?
2. What are the three areas in which the Holy Spirit convicts the world?
3. What is the significance of Jesus' ascension for the coming of the Holy Spirit?
4. How does the resurrection of Jesus serve as a vindication against the world's judgment?
5. How does understanding the Holy Spirit as an advocate shape your daily life and decisions?

# Receiving Christ as Priest

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.

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

**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.

-The Apostles' Creed

**PRAYER OF FAITH**

**OFFERING**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD
Songwriters: Stuart Townend; Keith Getty

Holy Spirit, living breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your Word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit, come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see

**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**

ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS
Songwriters: Aaron Keyes, Sandra McCracken, Orlando Palmer, Madison Cunningham, Liz Vice, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell

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

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
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**BENEDICTION**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Minister: Go in Peace.

**NEXT AT HOPE**

**Gilbert Community Group**
Tuesday | May 27 | 7:00–8:15 PM
Location: The Baysingers
Address: 7560 S. Peppertree Dr., Gilbert, 85298
Gate Code: #0131

**Inquirers Class**
Sunday | June 1 | 12:00–3:00 PM
Location: The Baysingers
Address: 21058 E. Stirrup St., Queen Creek, 85142

**Deeper Discipleship**
Sunday | June 22 | 12:00–3:00 PM
Location: The Baysingers
Address: 21058 E. Stirrup St., Queen Creek, 85142

| YTD | Budgeted | Actual | Difference |
|---|---|---|---|
| Internal Giving | $162,500 | $168,022 | $5,522 |
| Expenses | $194,634 | $181,852 | -$12,782 |

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. 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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