



## WORSHIP GUIDE

10:00 AM Worship  
September 13, 2026  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Series Title: Begging Jesus  
Sermon Title: Begging for Safety

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship. Jim Anderson and Mark Zollinhofer are co-leading worship and Mike Sharrett is preaching.

*We welcome children of all ages in our worship service!*

### GATHERING SONG | I Lift My Eyes

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,  
Where does my help come from? (2x)

O my help comes from the Maker of the mountains!  
He has been my defender since my birth!  
O my help comes from the Maker of the heavens!  
O my help comes from the Maker of the earth.

In the sunshine, in the moonlight  
He will keep you safe.  
In the sunshine, in the moonlight  
He will keep you.

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP | from Psalm 90:1-2, 17

Leader: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King,  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come,  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man,  
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree,  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life,  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope,  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

OLD TESTAMENT READING | Proverbs 3:1-8

<sup>1</sup> My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments,  
<sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.  
<sup>3</sup> Let no steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> So you will find favor and good success  
in the sight of God and man.  
<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own  
understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight  
your paths. <sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from  
evil. <sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.  
<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;  
<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with  
wine.  
<sup>11</sup> My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of His reproof, <sup>12</sup>  
for the LORD reproves him whom He loves, as a father the son in whom he  
delights.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All:        Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer.  
All: Almighty and merciful God, we have done wrong and wandered away from You like lost sheep. We have followed our own ideas and wants instead of Yours. We have broken Your rules. We did not do the good things we should have done, and we did things we should not have done. Forgive us and show us mercy.  
Leader: Through Jesus, spare those who confess their faults and restore those who are sorry. (*Silent Confession...*)

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL | Romans 5:8-9

Leader: Brothers and sisters, what can wash away our sins?  
All: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Leader: We are brothers and sisters through His blood.  
All: We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.  
*(the people rise in body or in spirit)*  
Leader: But here is how God has shown His love for us.  
All: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Leader: The blood of Christ has made us right with God. So we are even more sure that Jesus will save us from God's anger.  
All: Thanks be to God!

GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
All: And also with you.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING | And Can It Be That I Should Gain

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! (Amazing love!)*  
*How can it be (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!)  
Humbled Himself (so great His love!)  
And bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For O my God, it found out me. (*Chorus*)

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

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 th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (*Chorus*)

**TITHES & OFFERINGS | from Micah 6**

Leader: Lord, You tell us what You require of us: to act justly, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with our God.  
All: So, with our gifts and offerings, take our entire lives and make us Your  
just, loving, and humble people. Amen.

**FAMILY TIME**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION | We Long to See You**

*Almighty God, we long to see You.  
Open our hearts and make them pure.  
Spirit, we wash our hands in mercy;  
Come teach our souls to love Your truth.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING | Acts 21:7-14

<sup>7</sup> When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. <sup>8</sup> On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. <sup>9</sup> He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. <sup>10</sup> While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. <sup>11</sup> And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" <sup>12</sup> When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered. "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." <sup>14</sup> And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All:      Thanks be to God!

SERMON | Begging for Safety

AMEN

*A-A- A men! A- A- A men! A- A men! A-men. Amen!*

SONG OF RESPONSE | There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Your flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Your pow'r to save,  
When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:  
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;

When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

*Communion is the family meal of Christians. The Lord Jesus invites all those who are His committed followers to commune with Him at His table: those who trust in Him, who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are willing to forsake their sin, being at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a follower of Jesus, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please spend this time in silent prayer. Children who have been examined by the elders and admitted to the Lord's Table are able to partake of communion.*

**COMMUNION RESPONSE | from the Kenyan Liturgy**

Leader: Is the Father with us?  
All:     **He is.**  
Leader: Is the Son among us?  
All:     **He is.**  
Leader: Is the Spirit here?  
All:     **He is.**  
Leader: He is our God:  
All:     **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**  
Leader: We are His people:  
All:     **We are redeemed by His grace.**  
Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith:  
All:     **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**  
Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!  
All:     **Hallelujah!**

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

SENDING SONG | Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak,  
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek,  
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears,  
And the God of Mercy came and brought us near.

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home  
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter,  
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.*

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain,  
In the shadow of death's darkness we were slaves to sin and blame.  
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,  
And the God of Mercy wiped away our tears. (Chorus)

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride,  
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.  
Then He heard of our condition, and He called us by our names,  
And the God of Glory took away our shame. (Chorus)

We were far out on the ocean making wealth and chasing dreams,  
But the waves of great destruction brought us trembling to our knees.  
And we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,  
And the God of Comfort took away our fears. (Chorus)

COMMISSIONING

Leader: All our problems  
All:    **We send to the cross of Christ!**  
Leader: All our difficulties  
All:    **We send to the cross of Christ!**  
Leader: All the devil's works  
All:    **We send to the cross of Christ!**  
Leader: All our hopes  
All:    **We set on the risen Christ!**

BENEDICTION

SENDING

Reader: Let us be the church in the world – loving and serving God and our neighbor.

All:     Alive to God. Dead to sin. We go out glorifying Him!



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