

*Welcome to Hope Ridge United Methodist Church
where our mission is to make and mature disciples of
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

July 12, 2020, 8:45 AM Worship in the Chapel

HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME: "We welcome others into a relationship..."

PRELUDE
GREETING

Nancy Cline, pianist
Rev. Beth Wilterdink

WORSHIP: so that they can worship God, ...

CALL TO WORSHIP*

If it had not been God who was on our side,
the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.

If it had not been God who was on our side,
the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.

Are any among us suffering?

Come and pray.

Are any among us cheerful?

Come sing songs of praise.

Are any among us sick?

Come and ask for healing.

Our help is in our God,

the One who made heaven and earth.

Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

God is on our side.

+ **OPENING HYMN** *God of Love and God of Power*
UMH 696, vs.1,2,4

UNISON PRAYER

Creator of our hearts, we come before You. We seek a closer bond with You. Let the weight of Your glory fall on us today. We yearn to feel Your presence, heavy with peace, calmness, and contentment. Let us melt into Your love this day. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

NURTURE: be nurtured by the Holy Spirit and one another...

SCRIPTURE Numbers 11:1-15

MESSAGE *What Comes Next*
Mark Seyfried, Certified Lay Speaker

OFFERING

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Everlasting Father, You are the light of the world, guiding our steps on Your path. Your word says that the earth is Yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to You. We recognize everything we have belongs to You. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to You, and for this we give thanks. We now offer back to You a portion of what You have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we take. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God,
You have set before us the path
but we have wandered on our own
to try to find our way.
Sometimes we are like toddlers
and we hear Your call and come back.
Other times, we are children testing boundaries,
ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.
And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion,
demanding to be cut loose and set free,
not knowing how much we still need
to seek Your wisdom and guidance.
But most of all, too often we think we are adults
and have figured it all our and know our own way,
only to stumble and stray so far.
Remind us, parental God,
that we are always Your children,
that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,
that we always have much to learn.
Help us to seek You every day,
to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,
and help us to return to the path and walk with You.
In the name of Christ,
who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us now pray together:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SEND: and be sent out to serve others in Christ's name."

+ **CLOSING HYMN** *Standing on the Promises* UMH 374
+ **BENEDICTION**

+*please stand as you are able*

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Flowers on the altar
this morning are given
by Keith & Kathy Nagy
in memory of loved ones.