

*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.*

November 22, 2020, 8:45 AM Worship in the Chapel

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

PRELUDE Nancy Cline, pianist
GREETING Rev. Beth Wilterdink

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

CALL TO WORSHIP*

L: The Lord continually watches all of God's own sheep.
P: They are led to green pastures and brought before stilled waters.
L: Praise God for God's tender and loving care of us.
P: Thanks to God for all the mercies God shows to us.
L: Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.
P: O Lord, open our spirits to respond to Your words of compassion. AMEN.

+ **OPENING HYMN** *Christ for the World We Sing* UMH 568

+ **UNISON PRAYER**

God of each of our communities, You call us to see every part of what we have and what we have been given. Lord, You see into every aspect of our lives. In the words of John Wesley, empower us to 'Earn all [we] can, save all [we] can, and give all [we] can.' Teach us Your ways of generosity. Amen.

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God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,
calls us by grace
to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one
in divine love for the world.
Today is the day
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.
And so shall we.
Today is the day
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.
And so shall we.
Today is the day
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.
And so shall we.
Today is the day
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.
And so shall we.
Today is the day
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.
And so shall we.
Today is the day
God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and
sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we. AMEN.

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

SCRIPTURES Amos 8:4-8; Matthew 6:19:21,24

MESSAGE *The Economic Community* Jon Wilterdink

INVITATION TO OFFERING**

As we have entered this church with thanksgiving on our hearts, let us remember that we have the opportunity to joyfully share from the bounty which God has provided. In the love and name of Christ, we give of our tithes and offerings for kingdom work in our world.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

God of mercy and compassion, what is the offering that pleases You most? Certainly, not the token gift that makes us feel we done all that is required, but a gift that reminds us that need is all around us, and compassion and love are needed desperately and can be given extravagantly. May the gifts we give through Your church help the hungry, thirsty, the imprisoned; but may our whole being be centered on seeing the opportunities to personally make Your love real to a hurting world. We follow in Christ's holy, loving way. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH 581

+ **BENEDICTION******

Hear the cries of those in need! Go into God's world, enabled by Christ to be in ministries of compassion for all God's people. Love this world as God has loved you. Care tenderly always for all of creation. Go and faithfully serve in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

+ **GO FORTH**
+please stand as you are able

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